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NEWS



photos by Tamara Collins

Chimney Fire

The Didsbury Fire Dept. responded to a house fire Friday morning at 8:30 a.m. and were still fighting it four hours later.

The fire, which happened at 1813 15th Ave., is believed to have started in the chimney. It was burning between the roof and the ceiling, which made it difficult to put out.

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Main ingredient in crystal meth put behind the counter

by Brad Linn

Most stores at this time of year are doing a little redecorating and redesigning for the holiday season to increase sales, and pharmacies are no different. But this week, most pharmacists aren't hanging garland and wreaths to welcome holiday shoppers, they are instead rearranging certain boxes of cold tablets, to deter illegal drug users from purchasing their stock.

In an effort to make it more difficult to produce crystal methamphetamine, the Alberta government has passed an amendment to take the main ingredient, pseudoephedrine, off pharmacy shelves and put them behind the counter.

The relatively cheap and easy to make street drug is produced, in part, with cough and cold medicines containing ephedrine and pseudoephedrine. It is also created using common household ingredients that can be found at local hardware stores, resulting in a rise of crystal meth labs.

Greg Eberhart, registrar of the Alberta College of pharmacists, said that 18 months ago, they recommended that pharmacists take steps to restrict access to these drugs that were available in pharmacies, but at the same time those same products were available in many other commercial outlets throughout our communities.

"It was one thing for pharmacists to be aware and deal with these from a professional perspective, accessibility and availability were still available in corner stores and gas stations and the only way to address that was through an amendment to the regulations."

With the regulation change, Alberta joins British Columbia, Manitoba and Saskatchewan in imposing greater restrictions on the sale of these ingredients.

Iris Evans, health and wellness minister said that

with all the western provinces now on board, we are able to make a unified push to control the production of crystal meth.

"By restricting the sale of the main precursors of the drug, we hope to reduce the production and sale of this dangerous drug," he said. "I think we've made the right move to continue our fight against crystal meth without unnecessarily limiting access to medications that Albertans may legitimately need."

Eberhart said it is important to understand that although this is an important step to decrease access to this drug, it is only a very small step in reducing the numbers of users of the drug.

He said this measure is more likely to decrease only the "mom and pop operations" which produces very small quantities, which is still a positive start.

"If we can even save one life it's worth it," he said. "It's known that organized crime is getting it in large quantities through various means."

Crystal meth is a stimulant that affects the central nervous system. It is 10 times as powerful as regular speed, highly addictive and it can be fatal. It increases a person's heart rate and pulse, making him or her feel more awake and alert. It can cause heart attack and stroke.

Eberhart said pharmacies limit quantities sold to customers to 3600 mg or less, or about 60 tablets or so.

"There's little reason as to why an individual would need more than that and quite frankly if someone needs more than that there's obvious questions to be asked."

Pharmacists at two of the Pharmacies in Olds, said the drugs with pseudoephedrine have been behind the counter for the last 18 months, and they would never sell more than a few boxes to each customer.



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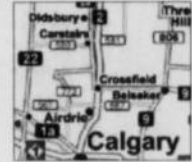
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TOWN OF DIDSBURY Council Highlights – December 13, 2005

- Council approved and amended Town of Didsbury Tendering and Purchasing Policy. It was amended to include updated information as well as provincial requirements.

- A draft of a proposed salary grid was presented to Council. Council had many questions concerning this proposal and will be meeting with Administration in January for further review of this and other budget items.

- The Town of Didsbury currently provides extended health care and Alberta Health Care benefits to full-time permanent employees. Administration proposed to Council that the benefit plan be extended to employees who are permanent but work 80% of full-time hours. Council has postponed this item to the January budget discussion.

- Council had approved the removal and replacement of some of the Northwest Poplar Trees in the Kinsmen Park in November 2005. These trees had been improperly topped and tipped several years ago and are becoming hazardous due to the internal rotting within the trunk and branches, as well as their increasing negative impact on adjacent neighbours as they grow ever larger. The trees will be replaced in the spring with a variety of more appropriate trees for the area, and ongoing removal and replacement is planned. Delegation – Deborah Whitmore spoke to Council regarding the trees being removed in the park. Darlene Morton, Arborist Instructor at Olds College also spoke to Council regarding the practice and causes of tipping and topping trees. Council, staff and the gallery were informed about the inappropriateness and future risks of having such large and root invasive trees so close to our roads, sidewalks and underground pipes, even if they were not rotting from the inside out. One such tree in the middle of the park could have been an asset, but the damaged monoculture of too many of the wrong trees in the wrong place needs to be corrected for the long term protection and benefit of the Town.

- Rate Bylaw 05-12 was passed, incorporating all rates, fees, fines and charges into one bylaw. Regular review and monitoring of all rates, fees, fines and charges can now be accomplished by changing just this one bylaw, instead of every affected Bylaw.

- An updated Cemetery Bylaw 05-13 was passed unanimously.

- Council approved Borrowing Bylaw 05-14 unanimously to obtain an interest free loan under the Alberta government program called ME First to purchase a chiller and monitoring system for the arena. This program helps Alberta Municipalities achieve energy savings, reduce greenhouse gas emissions and or replace conventional energy with renewable or alternative sources in their operations.

- The Didsbury Municipal Library Board asked for approval to increase its Trustees from eight (8) to ten (10) members. Didsbury Municipal Library Board Bylaw 05-15 was passed unanimously to include this change.

- Council authorized the assignment of the original agreement for Phase 2 of the Meadowview Subdivision subject to adherence to the conditions of the original agreement. This agreement was originally made with CLT Homes, who have since sold the lots in Phase 2 to Silverstone Homes.

- Concerns were presented pros and cons regarding the enforcement of the 11 year old 2-hour parking limit in the downtown area, and the possibility of a purchased parking pass. So far, the Chamber of Commerce and the majority of businesses are seeing a benefit to having more customers able to come and go near their business. Administration is looking at providing more public parking.

- Prior to the Council Meeting, a Public Meeting regarding the Cat Bylaw 05-10 was held.

Residents who were in attendance all spoke in favour of the proposed bylaw. Council also had a summary of all previous input.

- Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) proposed to Council that a mandatory Fundraising/Grant Sourcing Seminar be put on for all groups funded under FCSS. The FCSS Board felt this initiative would be an excellent way to educate the groups on how to effectively raise funds and find other sources of grant funding to better support their programs financially. Council approved this proposal.

- Council approved the appointment of Ms. Marilyn Logan as Trustee and Laura Dent as auditor for the Didsbury Municipal Library Board.

- Council approved the implementation of an Incentive Letter mail program with Canada Post. This initiative will help the Town of Didsbury save money in postage for bulk mailings of over 500 pieces such as monthly utility bills and yearly taxes.

- Council approved an FCSS Board proposal to transfer \$3,400.00 from a youth leadership Reserve Account that was cancelled in 1999 to be used for leadership type programs in Didsbury Schools.

- Council approved providing the Christmas Helpers Hamper program with 100 one time Family Pool Passes.

- Council received information on the proposed Centennial Trail Committee. Council also approved that the remainder of the Centennial grant go toward the purchase of a John Deere Gator, and benches and garbage cans for the pathway in the Memorial Park area.

- Director of Planning and Development, Robert Wigg spoke to Council about Chinook's Edge's plans to develop the surrounding green space and to connect with the future pathway system at the Didsbury High School's new location on 15th Avenue.

Christmas lights winners

On Thursday, December 15, "Secret Santa Judges" with the Didsbury & District Chamber of Commerce drove the streets of Didsbury and the country roads looking for great Christmas yard decorations and light displays. And there were lots! Here are this year's winners:

LARGE YARD

1322 - 23 St., Mrs. Mary McLaws

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RURAL YARD

1 1/2 miles east of Hwy 2A on Hwy 582, north side of the highway - Morin Family

Honourable Mention

2 miles east of Hwy 2A on Hwy 582, 1 3/4 miles north, east side of highway - Fulkert Family

The warm November temperatures made it easy for many people in Didsbury to get their lights up and the whole town looks terrific. Take the family out for a drive around town - it's all very festive!

OPINIONS EDITORIAL

Merry Christmas to all



TAMARA COLLINS
EDITORIAL

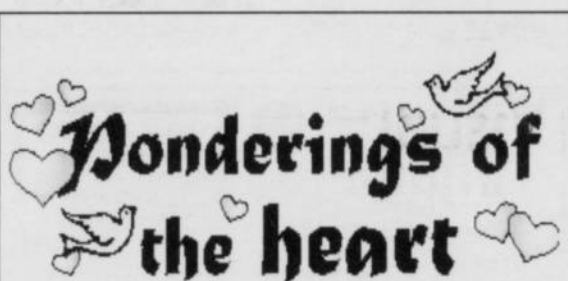
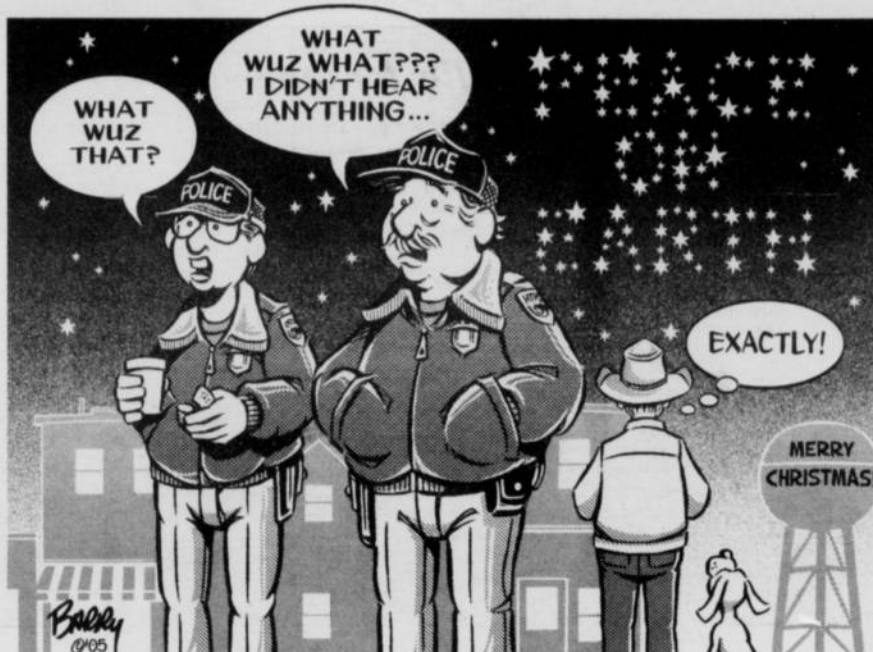
Well this is our last paper for another year, our next issue will come out on Jan. 3. This has been a great year for Didsbury, many new businesses have come to town, new people and of course new ideas.

Don't miss our "Year in Review" which will be featured in the Jan. 3 paper, a great place to recall everything that has happened in the past year, the good and the bad.

Also coming in the New Year, Didsburians will see some big changes in their local paper, changes that we are very excited about, and you should be too. We have already experienced big changes here, and they are going to keep coming.

I thank you all for support and friendship throughout this past year, Didsburians rock!

I wish each and every one of you a very blessed Christmas, and a happy New Year.



by Margaret Fradley

"Tis the Season"

When we think about the Christmas Season what first crosses our minds, do we have thoughts of love, joy and peace which we should be experiencing at this time of year, or do we begin to have feelings of anxiety or even panic at all we have to do, the many preparations, selecting and buying of gifts, baking, preparing food, and arranging times for entertainment, the tree, decorations, and all that goes with Christmas.

Now there is nothing wrong with all of the above, they all have their place, but there are times when I feel they are put ahead of what the Season really means to us; they can rob us of the real meaning of Christmas.

Then again, I often think that as well as being a time of great joy and celebration, it can also be a time of real sorrow and pain for many. It can either be a greatest time of the year for us, but for others a very difficult and trying time. Let us remember those less fortunate, those who find the Season extremely lonely, or for one reason or another need our love, encouragement and support.

Let us remember the reason for the season, have a great Christmas.

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Alberta Hip and Knee Replacement Project reduces wait times

An interim report finds that during the first eight months of the *Alberta Hip and Knee Replacement Project*, the new care pathway has met its goal to ensure patients receive surgery within four months of initial consultation.

"I am pleased this pilot is showing success in reducing wait times and improving quality of care for Albertans," said Iris Evans, Minister of Health and Wellness. "This clearly demonstrates that health care providers and administrators can come together to deliver innovative solutions to improve access to services."

After eight months, the highlights of the interim report on this research include:

- Decreased wait time to receive first orthopaedic consult: from 35 weeks to six weeks.
- Decreased wait time from first orthopaedic consult to surgery: from 47 weeks to 4.7 weeks.
- Decreased length of stay in hospital: from 6.2 days to 4.3 days.

• Satisfaction among patients and physicians surveyed with care provided.

"The model and pilot goal has always been to find a way to improve how Albertans receive bone and joint health care," said Dr. Ron Zernicke, Executive Director of the Alberta Bone and Joint Health Institute. "It's extremely satisfying to see from the interim research report that we're both decreasing wait times and increasing the quality of the patient experience."

"This model was developed with health care professionals from across the province in the belief it would improve bone and joint health care and serve as a model for others," said Dr. Cy Frank, Co-Chair of the Institute and one of the model's architects. "The government made a courageous decision to advance this model to a pilot state. Its investment and leadership in the evaluation of this model is providing evidence that improvements to the health care system are achievable."

The new process includes the

introduction of central assessment clinics, where patients who may require orthopedic surgery are examined by a team of health professionals in one visit. During the pilot, the goal is to see patients at the clinic within 17 days of a family physician referral. The new care path also includes more involvement by primary care physicians to help prepare patients for surgery and care for them following their procedure.

The province provided funding to support an additional 1,200 hip and knee surgeries during the project. As of November 23, 180 replacements have been completed in Calgary, 277 in Capital and 69 in David Thompson health regions.

The project is a collaboration between the Alberta government, the Alberta Bone and Joint Health Institute, Capital, Calgary and David Thompson health regions, the Alberta Medical Association and the College of Physicians and Surgeons. A formal evaluation of the program is ongoing and the pilot will conclude in April 2006.



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FROM THE MAILBAG

Responsibility for our pets

Dear Editor,

Having read the partial facts in previous Reviews, I suggest the paper has an obligation to print the complete story and not only a part of one.

It is ridiculous to print only a part of the truth and not disclose all the facts, thereby creating unnecessary frustration for our residents and they in turn judge someone for their actions only knowing half the truth.

I certainly hope that the Paper, as well as the residents who wrote in so quickly judging someone now have the ability after

seeing the whole picture of apologizing for their disgusting behavior.

I don't think that people who chose to have either dogs or cats should feel that everyone in the neighborhood have to put up with them trespassing on their property. I love both dogs and cats but I make sure mine are in my property and not on all my neighbors property and that I am responsible for them, not my neighbors. What has happened to respecting your neighbor?

We have had many problems with cats every year coming and digging up our garden as well as using our garden for their litter box.

The owners seem to feel

that this is okay. I suggest it is not, and next year I will consider setting traps in my yard to ensure my garden is not ruined by someone else's cats or should I more clearly and accurately say by an owner who fails to take responsibility for their cats.

I love this Community and feel that we all need to take responsibility for our pets and respect our neighbor's property.

We also need to be less judgmental of people before knowing all the facts.

I hope that all those who made unjust comments are now big enough to apologize.

Thank You,
Ken Weber

Two sides to every story

Dear Editor,

I regards to the Dec. 13th letter to the editor titled "The facts about the dog shooting" I would like to add my 2 cents...

I live on an acreage and own a dog. It's a very friendly dog, that couldn't harm a fly (except the odd gopher). Sometimes she wanders into other people's properties, although we make an honest effort to keep her in our property.

I can only imagine how awful we would feel if our pet was killed by a car on the road or by coyotes, or shot by a farmer after "playing" with the cows. We would be very upset and would squarely lay blame...

ON OURSELVES! For not having been more responsible dog owners.

Thank you to Bill Windsor for very rationally showing us all that there are at least 2 sides to all stories. He didn't go into an emotional tirade and only clarified the situation. This should be a lesson to the rest of us. Let's not be so quick to pass judgement, instead let's open our minds a little, it won't hurt too much...

Sincerely,
Trajano R. O. de Barros

Why are they taking our trees?

Dear Editor,

I am writing in regards to the removal of the trees in Kinsmen Park, which began on Thursday, the 8th of December. My neighbours, my daughter and a lot of her friends, as well as myself, were very distressed to find that these beautiful mature shade trees were being completely taken down. I called the Town Office and was told that the root systems, which are growing at or above the surface of the turf, were the reason for the removal. I immediately requested a meeting with Mayor Moore as well as a chance to speak at the next Council meeting to take place the evening of Tuesday, the 13th of December. On Friday, December 9, I had a meeting with Councillor Bob Davidson, as the Mayor was not available to have a meeting.

When I was the Horticulturist for the Town of Didsbury, I had noticed some serious problems with the trees in West

Heights Park on 15 Avenue. Based on my observations, the Operational Services Director at the time and myself decided that a complete hazard assessment of these trees should be completed. We hired a local arboriculture company to complete this assessment. The final

conclusion of this assessment was that all the trees in the park were infested with fungal disease and there were many structural problems making all the trees hazardous to both the park and the neighbouring properties.

See "TREES" page 6

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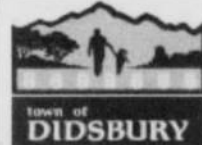
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Luke 2:7

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Luke 2:14

FROM THE MAILBAG

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At that time a plan to remove and replace the trees over a 5-year period was created. The worst 8 of the 40+ trees were removed that year and the trees that could benefit from some maintenance measures such as cable-and-bracing in order to increase the time they could remain standing, was completed. For some reason that is as yet unexplained, the hazard assessment that was paid for using tax dollars, has somehow been "lost". At about this same time, I had another tree company take a look at the trees in Kinsmen Park. It was determined that due to poor pruning and maintenance practices in the past, these trees were in need of some work but not necessarily unhealthy. A plan to perform rehabilitative pruning over a period of time was set up in order to bring these trees back to a state of sound structure.

During my meeting with Councilor Davidson, he told me that there had been complaints about the south perimeter trees of Kinsmen Park and that as far as he knew those were the only ones being removed. He stated to me that the main reason for this was because of the shallow root systems and insufficient funds to properly maintain the trees. I informed Mr. Davidson that all the north perimeter trees had been taken down, some of the east perimeter trees and work on the south trees was only just beginning. He seemed surprised at this and said that it was his understanding that just the south trees were being removed.

A while later during our conversation he stated that he thought that perhaps the motion of council had been to remove as many trees as finances would allow. He did state that the trees were going to be replaced with trees such as Mountain Ash. I pointed out to him that trees of this stature would not provide nice shade, and Councilor Davidson responded by saying they

were trying to get away from large trees in order to avoid the expense of maintaining them. He also said that the trees being planted would be very small as larger ones were too expensive. I pointed out to him that this increased the risk of the trees being lost to vandalism. He stated that Council realized this but it was a risk they were willing to take.

I asked Mr. Davidson if, since roots were the declared reason for removing the trees, the park was going to be completely rebuilt because removing the trees would not impact the roots, which spread all over the park. I do not recall his response to this.

During our conversation we also discussed the fact the trees in Kinsmen Park could have survived another 50 years and that pruning could have been put off for another 4 years. This would have allowed time for budgeting and a pruning program to be developed and implemented. I pointed out that the money now being used to remove these trees could have been put to better use to fill some pot holes in our roads, fix some sidewalks that are in horrible condition or to remove trees that had already been deemed hazardous. Just because an election happens and Council changes does not mean that projects and programs that have already been created and paid for by the taxpayers should be "lost" in the process of changing our politicians. I also stated that there should have been a forum with the people who live adjacent to the park and the users of the park.

Five years ago there was a completed Adopt-A-Park program developed in order to save greenspace maintenance costs and foster community stewardship. The saving that could have been realized with such a program would have served to provide funding for proper pruning maintenance of the trees now being so irresponsibly removed. However,

like the hazard assessment of the West Heights trees, this program has also been "lost".

There is a lot more information that I could include here, such as Mr. Davidson telling me the old trees by the post office and adjacent blocks will be looked at for removal and the poplars that produce fluff because of their allergen qualities, but unfortunately there is not enough space in the Letters-To-The-Editor portion of the paper. I will certainly be bringing more things to light during the Council meeting. I would just like to sum up by saying that while the rest of the North America is looking to increase its urban forest canopy and incorporate the environment into the municipality, Didsbury seems to be going backwards. Come on Didsbury. Step into the new millennium.

Sincerely,
Deborah Whitmore,
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THE DIDSBURY REVIEW

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FROM THE MAILBAG

What is wrong at the Didsbury Post Office?

Dear Sir/Madam:

I would like to take this opportunity to relate to you my experience that I had with the Didsbury Post Office. On October 31st of this year, my mother celebrated her birthday. I had sent her a package from my home in Surrey, BC, via Canada Post approximately 3 days prior to this. Originally, I was going to have it couriered to her, but due to the high cost of delivering to Didsbury, I decided to just send it out by way of regular post. However, this still cost me over ten dollars! Unfortunately, it did not arrive in time for her birthday. In fact, it did not arrive at all. After six weeks, and eventually giving it up as lost, it arrived back on my doorstep. Apparently, when I decided to send it by mail, rather than by courier, I neglected to put my parent's box number on it. It did however have (very clearly

marked I might add) their name, street address, AND phone number. But, because it did not have a box number, it was returned to me.

I'm curious as to when the people at the Didsbury post office decided that they were above making any sort of effort to show the slightest bit of customer service. Clearly, going "above and beyond" must certainly be frowned upon there. I reside in a fairly large community, with several hundred thousand people, and I have received letters that have had either the postal code incorrect or missing, and once I even received a letter that had the wrong street number written on it! Yet, in Didsbury, a town where my parents are fairly well known, my mother's birthday present was returned because it did not have the box number on it, and because someone at the post office decided in their infinite

wisdom, that either they were too good, too lazy, or perhaps too cold hearted to lift up the phone, dial the number clearly written on the package, and let my parents know there was a parcel there for them. I guess that's what saddens me the most. It's not just the fact that I am out the ten dollars, or that they waited for six weeks to return it to me, but that they couldn't even be bothered to try to get it to the person it was intended for.

I lived in Didsbury for a long time, went to school there, and have a lot of great memories of it. When I have spoken to people about Didsbury, I have never had anything negative to say about it, until now.

I feel sorry for the people of Didsbury, who have to deal with their wonderful post office on a daily basis.

Scott Allison
Surrey, BC

Dog lovers are refreshing

Dear Editor;

On December 13th, our dog Sarah was involved in an unfortunate accident with a vehicle outside our home. Debbie & I would like to thank the driver, who we do not know, for her care and concern after the

accident ensuring that Sarah wasn't seriously injured - she's fine by the way. I'd also like to thank this lady for observing the speed limit which I believe is 50 KMH, something a great number of drivers fail to observe on 23rd Street between 15th and 7th Avenues.

despite the speed bumps. Thanks also to Becky Sundberg & Alva Hersperger for their support. It's refreshing to know that there are still dog lovers in this wonderful community.

Derek Lewis



Letters to the Editor

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CHINOOK'S EDGE SCHOOL DIVISION

CESD Board learns about the Influenza Pandemic

by Tamara Collins

People all over the world will be affected by the Influenza Pandemic that health officials say is coming, so Chinook's Edge School Division (CESD) is already preparing by inviting health inspector Darren Barber from the David Thompson Health Region, to inform the Board what this Pandemic will mean for their students.

Barber started his presentation by explaining the difference between influenza and pandemic influenza. According to Barber influenza disease characteristics include; respiratory symptoms such as congestion, sore throat and cough; CNS symptoms such as fever, headache and chills; moderately to generally severe in population; acute symptoms last seven to 10 days; recovery may be slow, and malaise may persist for weeks; increased susceptibility to other illness; elderly and immuno-compromised are most susceptible; and morbidity associated with complications.

The virus source is water fowl to poultry to pigs to people. The virus is identified by strain, A, B or C, and named by H and N proteins. It can modify its structure over time, it can be either a minor modification or a significant one.

An epidemic of influenza happens annually and is seasonal in nature, it usually occurs September through March, and effects 10 to 20% of the population. Surveillance identifies most likely strains, and vaccine is developed based on the most likely strains.

A influenza pandemic is a completely new strain of influenza virus, and is highly transmissible and rapidly transferred from person to person. It is highly infective, infecting large numbers, and highly virulent meaning severe symptoms

and death common. There is no immunity and no vaccine.

In 1918 the Spanish Flu hit, and killed 50,000,000 worldwide, in 1957 the Asian Flu hit and killed 7,000,000 people worldwide, and then in 1968 the Hong Kong Flu hit killing 3,000,000 worldwide.

"We are very concerned because the virus coming looks similar to the one from 1918," said Barber.

Barber says it is expected 60% of the population will be infected by the pandemic, 6.5 to 16.5% will seek medical attention, 0.1 to 0.3% will be hospitalized, and 0.03 to 0.12% will die.

The impact the pandemic will have on the work force is a concern for health officials, who estimate one-third of the population will be ill to the point of bedridden, and absenteeism will be higher because family members will stay home to care for loved ones. The concerns are especially for the staff in critical or skilled positions that cannot be easily replaced. All geographical areas will be in the same position, so the aide and support from other places will not be

available.

"This will all happen in a six to 12 week period," said Barber. "If it was spread out over a year we could handle it, but it is all very compressed."

Barber explained that they are starting to prepare now because these pandemic have a 20 to 40 year cycle through recorded history, and the last true pandemic occurred in 1968. It is expected to show up any time in the next 5 to 10 years.

"We cannot prevent it, and we cannot prepare for it," said Barber. "We can promote awareness that it is coming."

The impact the pandemic will have on CESD is high absenteeism, for staff and students due to both illness and fear.

"You are going to have to deal with the absentees from the staff and students," said Barber. "A decision to close the schools has to be a provincial one, we cannot close some, and leave others open. Your job will be to maintain normal operations, provide information to students and parents, and collaborate in the decision whether schools should be closed, or left open."

CESD's defining values will be implemented into three-year plan

by Tamara Collins

At Wednesday's Chinook's Edge School Division (CESD) Board meeting, the Board approved the list of Values presented to them, which are to define and identify common values that would encompass what the division is all about.

The list of values were created through research, including meeting and getting input from students, principals, teachers, custodians, trustees, bus drivers, and stakeholders. The process, which was the merging of everyone's thoughts and beliefs until they came to a final conclusion, was done under the direction of consultant Susan Clayton. The process took over a year to complete.

"This level of dedication is something that this district should be proud of," said Clayton. "The

level of excellence and willingness to trust in the process is powerful. The collaboration is like none I've ever seen. We mixed people up in any old order and nobody grumbled. I felt energized, what a powerful group."

The values are;

1. Responsibility (for behaviours, actions and attitudes)- CESD values personal responsibility.

2. Honesty and Integrity in our communication, behaviours and attitudes- CESD values relationships based on honesty, integrity, respect and compassion.

3. Passion for the work- CESD values dedication and commitment.

4. An environment of belonging, everyone has a voice- CESD values an environment of belonging; safe, caring, and inclusive.

5. The growth and development of all

members of our school community- CESD growth and development through learning.

"The process of coming together in this group to define our values has been very rewarding. We are all here to improve our division and in doing so, I have realized how connected and similar we all are," said Jackie Swainson, CESD trustee.

"We have a great deal of potential within this group and it was a real privilege to be associated with this process."

The values are now to be implemented in the Board's Three-year Plan.

"Defining our values was a powerful and reflective process that has allowed us to move forward with continuous improvement within our division," said Jim Gibbons, CESD superintendent.

Winter means snow and ice.

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by Tamara Collins

Meet the mushers



James Carpenter

On Jan. 7 a Musher's Mess will take place at the Evangelical Missionary Zion Church gym at 5 p.m. as part of the Rosebud Run Sleddog Classic weekend.

A Musher's Mess is what you call it when the local community gathers with the competing teams, and together they eat and enjoy

entertainment.

The event's MC will be James Carpenter, of CIR Relators, who is presently working out the details on the entertainment.

"This is a great chance to meet some of the teams because the mushers will be there, it will be an exciting time," said Carpenter.

"Anyone from the community can come, but there is only room for 300."

Tickets are only \$5 and can be purchased at CIR or the Didsbury Chamber office.

Dignitaries will take everyone through the days events, and then there will be a special appearance from the 'Soggy Bottom Boys'.

Door prizes will also be given out.

"This is a great opportunity for Didsbury, and a great chance to support a new venture that puts our community on the map," said Carpenter. "Let's all be welcoming, it is a great chance to showcase what we have to offer, and let's all pray for snow!"

"The Longest Night"

"Sometimes it's hard to have a merry Christmas. This is a time to come together and acknowledge that," said Rev. Nancy Nourse, part of the leadership team at Knox United Church in Didsbury.

Nourse is speaking about "The Longest Night" service which will be held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, December 21.

"Christmas can be a painful time for some people. It may be the first Christmas

without a family member or close friend who has died," said Nourse.

"Or people may be going through a relationship break-up."

"The Longest Night" will be held on winter solstice which is the darkest day of the year. It is a reflective time of worship that gives people the opportunity to recognize the many emotions that one can feel, emotions that are often overwhelmed by the insistence that

Christmas should always be merry and joyful.

"The strong emphasis on family and togetherness makes the loneliness of those separated from loved ones, for whatever reason, that much more difficult," said Nourse.

"There's also the insecurity of unemployment and weariness of ill health. All these things can make us feel alone in the midst of the celebration and spending."

If you need space and

time to acknowledge the sadness or concern you feel, or if you need to know you are not alone at this time of year, attend "The Longest Night" service.

Please invite family, friends, neighbours, or co-workers who might be nurtured by this time together. Knox United is located at 1406 19th Avenue in Didsbury.

For more information, please phone the church at 335-8373.



The making of a trail



John Bates

The Rosebud Run Sleddog Classic is only weeks away, and John Bates, Trail Boss, has been very busy planning the trail for the big event.

"It starts across the road from the Zion church and winds across the creek through some land," said Bates. "It comes back across the creek, it goes across the creek four times actually, under the bridge, and up to the old highway. It then swings north, east, and back south in a big loop, and then

back to flat. It then goes onto the creek bed, and back to the finish line."

Bates has been running dogs for the past 18 years, so he is very comfortable making this trail.

"It would be more simple if it were three feet wide, but it needs to be wide enough for teams to pass each other," said Bates. "I am making it six feet wide, except on the rough turns it is only three feet."

Bates started on the trail

last April, then had to stop over the summer until farmer's crops came off, then he started back up again. He needed to contact many different people to get permission to go under the bridge, cross the creek, and cut down fences.

"It is all flagged every 100-150 feet, and where there is a turn in the trail, I put a snow fence up," said Bates. "I drove all the posts in, but I had to wait to do that until there was ice."

Bates still needs to put up more flags, and has 1000 feet more of snow fence to put up. Bates is doing all this work as a volunteer.

"There are a lot of people doing a lot of work," said Bates. "I figure I got the easy part."

Closer to the race day Bates will have to pack the trail with snow machines, with the help of a few other guys, and then he is finished. That is the making of a trail!

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NEWS

Up and Down the Fireman's Ladder

by Tyrone Patten

The most common greeting on the street nowadays is, are you ready for Christmas? Of course with the weather as nice as it has been, it is hard to get in the Holiday spirit. My answer of course, like many I'm sure is not yet.

On November 26, we had our annual family Christmas party. This is one of the only times during the year that our families get together. It is always fun for the kids as Santa makes a visit with toys for all of them. It is also when we present our service awards. This year we presented one year plaques to Andrew Busby, Jeff Lambert, and Warren Steckly. Rob Anderson received his five year award, and Pat Dodman was presented with his ten year plaque.

We also honor the rookie of the year. This award goes to the firefighter that is picked on the most and doesn't complain too much when they're given the bad jobs. This year's rookie of the year is Andrew Busby. Congratulations to each and every one of you.

We would also like to congratulate Curtis Mousseau, who completed his training and received his pager the last meeting in November. Curtis is one of many second generation firefighters that we have had through the years. Welcome Curtis.

Since last report we responded to four calls. They were:

Ambulance assists - 3
Alarm, no fire - 1

There were 3 calls during

the day, and 1 at night for a total of 3.5 hours in the field.

I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas, and a happy and prosperous New Year.

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Monday, January 2	8:30 am till 6:00 pm

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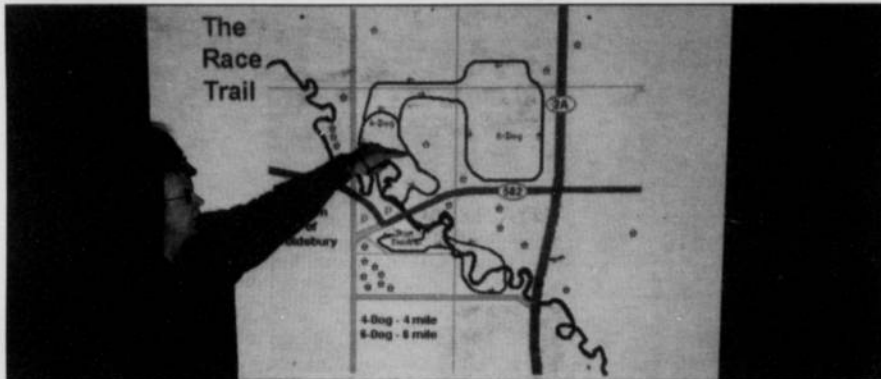
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Didsbury prepares for the Rosebud Run Sleddog Classic



Bill Windsor, Didsbury Chamber, shows the map of the trail for the Rosebud Run Sleddog Classic, at the Chamber Brown Bag Breakfast last Thursday.

by Tamara Collins

Approximately 3000 spectators are expected in Didsbury on Jan. 7 and 8 for the first annual Rosebud Run Sleddog Classic, and on Tuesday morning the Didsbury Chamber presented the big question to attendees at the Brown Bag Breakfast, "is Didsbury ready?"

The Classic, which will include a six-dog, six-mile race for purebred and open classes, a four-dog, four-mile race also for purebred and open classes, and a two-dog, four-mile for skijouring, is registered on the Travel Alberta tourist information system. It is also listed on Sled Dog Central, a website for mushers all over the world.

"It is the third listing on

there," said Bill Windsor, Rosebud Run Sleddog Classic planning committee. "It is the same weekend as the Jack Gawthorn Memorial Sled Dog Race, but that one has no purse."

The purse for the Classic is \$5500, and presently there are 62 teams signed up, and 5 juniors.

This event will become Didsbury's biggest event of the year, and the committee is hoping to watch it grow every year, drawing more and more people into town.

At Tuesday's breakfast, the Chamber asked if local businesses would consider opening on Sunday, Jan. 8, so spectators will have places to shop and eat at while in town.

Rod Neufeld of RE/MAX started approaching local businesses this week, and

asked them if they were willing to open for that day.

People all over town are jumping on the bandwagon, and in one way or another getting involved in the Classic. Didsbury Drugs, Ward Value Drug Mart, and Didsbury Dry Cleaners are all selling Rosebud Classic merchandise, including t-shirts, vests, toques and hats. AG Foods has two promotions for the month of December, one on Coca Cola products, and one on Campbell's products, with a portion of sales going directly to the Classic, see store for details.

The Trail Marshal for the event is Bill Tolley, the Trail Boss is John Bates, the Karate Club will run the concession at the event, and James Carpenter will MC the Musher's Mess on the

Saturday night.

Landowners, who are letting the race go over their property are Wayne and Vicki Poffenroth, Joyce Mullen, Robert and Myrna Nuss, Max and Sandy Jahn, and Bill and Kathleen Windsor.

"You may ask why are we doing this," said Joanne Braun, Chamber president. "This is going to bring a lot of people into town. We are expecting, hopefully, 3000 people here for that weekend."

This race is very unique from other dog sled races because spectators can see the majority of it from several vantage points.

"Usually they launch themselves 100 feet and disappear into the bush," said Windsor. "About 99 percent of this race can be seen from one spot. The future of this is absolutely massive, huge, huge, huge."

This year the committee wants to start small and do it right, with big plans for future years, such as ice sculptures, toboggan races,

and more.

For more information about the race you can visit didsburychamber.ca and check out the Rosebud Run link.

"Rosebud Run Sleddog Classic is a nostalgic glimpse of the heritage and women who met the challenge of winter travel in the snowbound north," said Braun.

"Predating the Skidoo and Arctic Cat, the vision of a sled, musher and team of huskies amid a vast white expanse is the heritage we salute in this series of sled dog sprint races."

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Sled Doggin' Definitions

Basket Sled - A sled with an elevated basket set up on stanchions - as opposed to a flat bottomed toboggan.

Break Out - To start a sled moving forward or to loosen a sled that has been standing on snow long enough for the runners to freeze to the surface.

Bridle - the rope rigging of a sled to which the towline attached.

Brush Bow - A curved bow attached to the front of the sled, it deflects off trees and other obstacles to prevent breakage or a sudden stop.

Chute - The fenced in area at the start of a race that guides the dogs onto the right trail and keeps spectators clear.

Double Neckline - A short line with a snap on each end which connects to the collar of each leader. Used when running a double lead.

Gangline - A stake-out line with individual drops used for picketing dogs temporarily. Same as a towline.

Handlebow - The upright handle at the back of a sled that the driver holds onto, it may be curved

or square. Also called a Drive Bow.

Handler - An assistant who helps to harness and hold dogs at the start. Also does chores at the dog yard.

Harness Banging - When an excited dog leaps against his harness trying to start the sled.

Holding Area - The area at a race where the dogs are organized and harnessed prior to the race start.

Hot Wax - just like skiing - wax is put on the sled runners to improve glide and decrease friction.

Neckline - The line running from the towline to the dog's collar to keep him from turning around or swinging out of line.

Necklining - When a dog is dragging - pulling against the neckline.

Pedaling - the driver stands on the sled runner on one foot and kicks the other foot on the ground to take the weight off the team.

Ski-joring - running sled dogs on skis instead of with a sled.

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NEWS

Didsbury Ag. Society Notes

by Connie & Marge

Meeting was held Dec. 7

1. Treasurer's Report will be presented at the Annual Meeting.
2. A new treasurer,

Shari Wareman will start her duties in Jan. 2006.

3. The Christmas Farmer's Market was a huge success.

4. The A.A.A.S. conference is in Lethbridge Feb. 10 - 12/06. Marg

Johnston & Laura Krebs will attend.

5. Will the prize money for the rodeo events be raised?

6. Bench Fair discussion.

7. Light Horse - A planning meeting for

the Annual Show in July will be held soon.

8. Raffle in 2006? Yes or no, to be decided at Annual meeting.

9. An application for discounted riding memberships for members was approved.

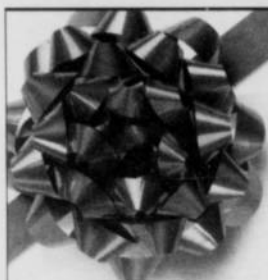
10. A display of chuck wagons from Beiseker will be at the Exhibition Grounds for the summer of 2006.

11. Membership fees were discussed and will be raised.

12. The Town Trail

System - tabled till next meeting.

13. The annual General meeting will be held Mon. Jan. 9th in the Curling Rink Hogline Room at 7:30 Open to all, election of officers & directors etc.



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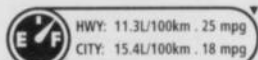
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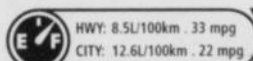


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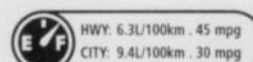
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Sat. & Sun. Jan. 7 & 8

What a weekend in Didsbury this will be. The Rosebud Run Sleddog Classic with races from 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. each day. Teams are entered from near and far and what a great viewing area for all who attend. Phone the D & D Chamber Office at 335-3265 Tues. or Thurs. for all the details.

If you had a real Christmas tree, please take it to the Town's shop where the Lions Club will be ready to "chip it"

Sat. Jan. 7

The Mountain View Colts will be at home in the Didsbury Arena against Stettler at 8:00 p.m. and then on Sun. Jan. 15th the Colts will play Rimbey at 3:00 p.m. The team will appreciate your support.

Mon. Jan. 9

The annual general meeting of the Didsbury Ag Society is being held tonight in the Hogline Room at the Didsbury Curling Club at 7:30 p.m. Open to all members, volunteers and anyone wishing to become a part of the Ag Society.

Tues. Jan. 10

The Hospital Auxiliary will meet in the Assembly Room at 2:00 p.m. New members always welcome.

Tues. Jan. 10

The Mountain View Christian Women's Club will have the monthly breakfast from 9:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m., upstairs in the Carstairs Arena (across from the High School). "A New Year - A New You". Special Speaker - Kim Haller. Special Feature - Exercise with Janet Stewart. Special Music - Jessica Wiens. Vicky at 335-3500 or Margie at 335-3765 will gladly take your reservation. Free babysitting is supplied by the Club.

At this time, I would like to give a big "Thank You" to all the people who keep me informed of the activities of your club or organization, without your help I wouldn't have much news for my columns. To all the people involved in the new organization of the local papers it's been a pleasure talking to you all. Thanks Kim for your support.

Local Legacies



LOCAL LEGACIES is an exhibition of twenty-three two-dimensional works featuring 23 Calgary and area artists. The works have been chosen from the Calgary Civic Art Collection and will feature artworks from such well known artists as Derek Besant, J.K. Esler, H.G. Glyde, Illingworth Kerr, Douglas Motter, Janet Mitchell, Marion Nicoll and John Snow to mention a few. This exhibition exemplifies the spirit and efforts of a community in preserving its heritage, thus giving a voice of its identity for future generations.

LOCAL LEGACIES has been

developed under the auspices of the Alberta Foundation for the Arts Travelling Exhibition Program by the Alberta Society of Artists. The purpose of this program is to provide rural and urban public organizations greater access to the visual arts in Alberta. LOCAL LEGACIES will be on display at the Didsbury Municipal Library in Didsbury from December 19/05 to January 25/06. We welcome your visit to this highly entertaining and informative exhibition.

The City of Calgary Civic Art Collection generously lends the artworks in this exhibition.

DMHA RAMBLER MINUTE

This week's action:

The Midget team in Didsbury played the first place Prairie High Club on Saturday night. The action was fast and furious and after two periods of play it was knotted 0-0.

Didsbury scored half way through the third and held the lead until the fifteen second mark of the third when Prairie High scored to end the game 1-1.

The fans were not let down as the Didsbury team played their best game of the year. Coach Switzer said;

"There were no passengers, every player on the team worked their hearts out. The victory would have been nice, against the first place squad, but I am proud of how everybody bared down and played as a team. We play like this in every game, we are going to be hard to beat."

Bantams played a league game in Carstairs Friday night, capturing the win, 10-1.

Saturday also saw the team successfully down Cochrane, to give the team

another league win, again 10-1.

The Bantams will be playing hockey over the holidays. You can cheer them on in the Carstairs Tournament December 28 and 29.

The Pee Wees also landed a league win on Saturday, defeating Airdrie 9-4.

The Atoms travelled to Rocky Mountain House on Saturday to play a Tier 4 exhibition game. Didsbury proved to be the much stronger team, coming home with the win. On Sunday, Didsbury met up with Strathmore to score a league win, 8-1.

The Tyke 1 team played Sunday afternoon and won with hard work against a tough Carstairs Bruins team. The Tyke 1 team used great teamwork as they passed the puck around to earn the win.

Most of the Ramblers will be taking a holiday break from December 23-January 04. League play resumes January 7. Watch for the Rambler Minute in the New Year.

There And Back Again... A Karate Tournament Story

by Joanne Peters

"I can't believe we're doing this!" was a comment I heard many times as I stood shivering in the cold outside the Didsbury Arena at 4:00 a.m. on Friday, November 25. I was surrounded by almost 50 members of the Olds Didsbury Karate Club and a few "imports" from the Calgary Glamorgan Club. We were waiting to load our gear into the local community bus and then hit the road for an obscure destination known only as "Carlyle" for the Saskatchewan Provincial Wado-Kai Karate Tournament. Even at that unbelievably early hour, the energy level and enthusiasm of the club members was amazing. However, within a few minutes of boarding the bus, the energy level settled to a slow simmer as most of us attempted to catch a couple more hours of sleep.

Except for a couple of hurried coffee stops and a quick photo session at "Dog River" (home of the hit TV show "Corner Gas") we drove steadily for almost 12 hours before arriving in the mighty metropolis of Carlyle. We unloaded our sleeping bags and belongings into the Manor High School before heading off to the Carlyle School for an evening workout with Sensei Denis Labe (President of the Canadian Shintani Wado-Kai Federation) and Sensei Ron Mattie (Coach of the National Wado-Kai Team). It's amazing how a two-hour workout helps to loosen up those tired traveling muscles! Sensei Denis and Sensei Ron led a great workout and it truly was a privilege to see them in action and to learn from them.

Saturday's tournament began with the black-belt (Shodan / Nidan) competition. It was incredible to watch and very inspiring. It was also reassuring to realize that even the black-belt competitors get nervous! Every person in our club competed extremely well and, even if they didn't place in their division, they helped earn points in kata (individual routine) and kumite (sparring) which counted towards the overall team standings. Our club results were:

Suzanne Baril - 2nd Kumite; Amy Brazzale - 2nd Kumite / 3rd Kata; Miranda Brazzale - 3rd Kumite; John Brazzale - 3rd Kumite; Colleen Gustavson - 3rd Kata;

Desiré Hoare - 1st Kata / 3rd Kumite; Allie Tkach - 3rd Kata; Pam Tkach - 3rd Kata / 2nd Kumite; Jesse Janz - 3rd Kata / 2nd Kumite; Josh Janz - 3rd Kumite; Tammy Janz - 3rd Kumite; Michelle Lysohirka - 1st Kumite; Calista Perison - 3rd Kata; Hal Perison - 1st Kata / 1st Kumite; Kyla Peters - 1st Kata / 3rd Kumite; Stacy Peters - 2nd Kata / 1st Kumite; Joanne Peters - 1st Kata / 1st Kumite; Jayden Rutschke - 2nd Kata; Jessica Rutschke - 3rd Kata; Sensei Delaine Seemann - 2nd Kata / 3rd Kumite; McKenna Tyson - 2nd Kata / 3rd Kumite; Martine Van Besouw - 3rd Kumite; Clem Van Besouw - 3rd Kumite; Dee Van Besouw - 2nd Kata / 3rd Kumite; Sheila Warkentin - 3rd Kumite; Kevin Vink - 2nd Kumite / 3rd Kata; Bethany Vink - 1st Kata / 2nd Kumite; Jordan Vink - 3rd Kata / 1st Kumite; Sharon Vink - 2nd Kata / 3rd Kumite.

Although we didn't win the team trophy, we came oh-so-close to taking it away from the Carlyle team for the first time in many years! We definitely served notice that we are a club to be reckoned with and that trophy may very well have a new home next year.

After another day-long bus ride, we arrived back in Didsbury at about 5:00 p.m. Sunday evening - exhausted, but already talking about the next class, the next tournament and the next road trip. Who knew that such a long bus ride combined with so little sleep and such fierce competition would be counted among my all-time favorite memories?! Special thanks to our bus driver for getting us "there and back again" at all hours of the day & night, the Manor High School for the use of their fine facilities, the parents who came along to keep us all in line and especially to Sensei Rathe Mokelky, Sensei Walter Greening and Sensei Delaine Seemann for their incredible leadership and dedication to our club.

The Olds / Didsbury Karate Club meets every Tuesday in Didsbury at 6:30 p.m. (ages 5 - 12 / families) & 7:30 p.m. (ages 13 & up) at the Ross Ford Elementary School and every Wednesday in Olds at 6:30 p.m. (ages 5 - 12 / families) & 7:30 p.m. (ages 13 & up) at the Olds Recreation Center. Newcomers are welcome at anytime! For more information, contact Rathe Mokelky at 403-559-7284

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HUNSPERGER-JOAN

Joan Hunsperger of Didsbury went to be with her Lord and Saviour on Wednesday, December 14, 2005 at the age of 85 years. She is survived by two sons, Allan (Cindy) Hunsperger of Edmonton and Larry (Glenda) Hunsperger of Didsbury; nine grandchildren, Rebecca (John) Greet of Edmonton, Corri (Kristin) Hunsperger of Burbank, California, Jason Hunsperger of Innisfail, Tara Hunsperger of Calgary, Adam Hunsperger of Edmonton, Tyler Hunsperger of Didsbury, John (Terry) Schaitel of Calgary, Krisa Schaitel of Vancouver BC and Brent (Brook) Schaitel of Edmonton; four

great grandchildren, one sister Claire Jackson of Didsbury, as well as numerous nieces, nephews and friends. Joan was predeceased by her sister, Doris Bernice Wood and brother Ken Wood, her husband Lynn and daughter Sharon Schaitel. Joan embraced life and lived it to its fullest. Known for her hospitality and self-sacrificing nature, Joan dedicated many, many hours of service to others; namely the Didsbury Hospital and her home church, Zion Evangelical Missionary Church. She was president of the WMS (Women's Missionary Society) and of Helping Hands. She was also the Dean of Women at Mountainview Bible College during her earlier years. To wind down from her many responsibilities, Joan loved to spend time gardening and tending to yard work. Joan touched the hearts of all who knew her and she will be sadly missed. Funeral Services were held on Monday, December 19, 2005 at 11:00 a.m. at Zion Evangelical Missionary Church in Didsbury. The family

would like to thank all of those who visited Mom during her last days, her friends at Aspen Ridge Lodge, Dr. Schmit for his compassionate care, and to those who attended the funeral service, whether in body or spirit. For those wishing to do so, donations in memory of Joan Hunsperger may be made directly to Zion Evangelical Missionary Church - Foreign Missions, Box 686, Didsbury AB T0M 0W0.

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SNYDER - Jessie Olive Snyder (nee Munro) passed away peacefully in the Edson Health Care Centre on December 10, 2005 at the age of 92 years. Jessie was born February 9, 1913 in Cartwright, Manitoba. As a young girl she moved to Calgary and then to Didsbury where she attended school in both centres. She married Wilfred Snyder in 1958 and they continued to reside in

Didsbury until 1997 when they moved to Edson to be near their daughter, Donna. Although she lived in Edson, her heart was always in Didsbury. Jessie will be sadly missed by her children and their families. She was predeceased by her husband Wilfred, parents George & Emilie and brother Lyle. She is survived by her daughters Leona (Roland) Mullen, Donna (Allen) Stuve; 7 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and one sister Ella Morrison. Funeral Services were held on Wednesday, December 14, 2005 at 1:00 p.m. in the Zion Evangelical Missionary Church, Didsbury with Pastor Grant Sikstrom and Pastor Willard Swalm officiating. Interment followed in the Didsbury Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made directly to the Alberta Heart & Stroke Foundation. As a tribute to Jessie Snyder, a tree will be planted in the Heartland Tree Memorial Park, Olds. Heartland Funeral Services Ltd., Olds entrusted with arrangements.

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Compensation to commence with experience however, the approximate maximum salary is \$1400.00 per month.

Your background will include good academic credentials. You will have a track record of demonstrating your capabilities in dealing with the general public. You are a strategic thinker with good human resource skills and a communicator with sound judgement. Bookkeeping and keyboard skills are essential.

Candidates are invited to send resumes to Rosebud Health Foundation PO Box 962 Didsbury AB T0M0W0. The competition will close January 7, 2006. We thank all applicants in advance. Only applicants on the short-list during the selection process will be notified.

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**Midway School
Christmas Concert**
Join us on Dec. 22 at 7:00 for a fun
filled evening ending with a visit
from Santa Claus. Please bring a
non-perishable food item for the lo-
cal food bank.

Christmas Eve Mass
St. Anthony's Catholic Church at
8:00 p.m. at the Complex. Call 507-
0890 for further information.

**Didsbury & District
Community Bus Trip**
Cash Casino Calgary. Wednesday,
Dec. 28. Cost \$10.00 Bus leaves at
4 p.m. Please note the new time. Call
Bea 335-3058 or Gen 335-3449 for
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Darts
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**Mountainview Christian
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Tuesday, Jan. 10, 2006 from 9:30
- 11:30 a.m. Upstairs in the Carstairs
Arena. Topic "A New Year" "A New
You". Cost \$5.00 per person. Call
Vicky 335-3500 or Margie 335-
3765.

CREMONA

Cremona Blasters AA Group
Change of meeting location - Jan. 2,
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8:00 p.m. Monday



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ONGOING EVENTS

**SPECIAL FAMILIES
RESOURCE ASSOCIATION**
Support for families/caregivers of special
needs children. Meetings now held on
the 3rd Thurs. of every month in the
Didsbury Hospital in the Educational
Conference Room at 7 p.m. For more infor-
mation contact Cindy at 335-4123.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
Didsbury Chamber of Commerce meets
the 2nd Thursday each month. For more
info please call 335-3265.

DIDSBURY TOPS
Take Off Pounds Sensibly! Come and join
us every Wednesday evening. For more
info call Stacey at 335-4487 or Rosemary
335-2835.

ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD
Didsbury Environmental Advisory Board
meets once every month at the Town
Office. For info call the Town Office 335-
3391.

BEAVER'S
Beaver's Tues. 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. at Eldon
Foote Hall. Kids 5 to 7 years old, boys
and girls welcome.

DIDSBURY MUSEUM
New Fall hours: Tues., Wed., Thurs.,
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up again for the fall. Call 335-4270

KING HIRAM LODGE
King Hiram Lodge#21 has its regular meet-
ings at 8 p.m. every 2nd Tuesday of the
month.

O.E.S. MEETING
St. Hilda Chapter#27 O.E.S. has its regular
meetings at 7:30 p.m. every 3rd Tuesday
of the month. For info. Call Marg Steckler at
335-4281

**DIDSBURY SENIOR SUP-
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The Didsbury & District Senior Support
Services co-ordinates assistance for sen-
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SONS OF NORWAY
Sons of Norway meets the 4th Monday of
every month at 8 p.m. at Evergreen Centre
in Olds. All welcome. Call 556-2401 or 337-
2037 for more information.

CASH BINGO
Didsbury Elks Cash Bingo every Tues-
day. Doors open 6:00 p.m., Nickel Bingo
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Elks Hall.

LEARNING DISABILITIES
Learning Disabilities of Alberta, Mtn. View
Chapter. Support and info for parents and
teachers dealing with learning disabilities.
For info call Susan at 335-3174.

GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS
Gamblers Anonymous (G.A.) starting Mon-
day, January 22 from 7 - 9 p.m. in the
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INFORMATION
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meet the 3rd Tuesday of every month. For
more information contact Susan at 335-
8540.

Sundre Toastmasters
Meetings every Thursday at 7:00 p.m.
in Sundre. Call Sue at 335-9477 for
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by Marge St. Clair

1. Bergthal Church
Wed. Dec. 21 - 7:00 p.m. "Blue Christmas"
Sat. Dec. 24 - 7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
Sun. Dec. 25 - 11:00 a.m. Christmas Sunday Service
2. Chinook Winds Christian Center
Fri. Dec. 16 - 6:30 p.m. Christmas Banquet at the Center. Tickets by phoning 335-3551. Guest speaker Pastor Ron Steenbrenner from Edmonton Bethesda Church.
Sun. Dec. 18 - 6:00 p.m. Kids program and party "Banquet with the

King". Everyone is invited.
Sat. Dec. 24 - 5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service
3. Knox United Church
Sun. Dec. 18 - 7:00 p.m. Sunday School Christmas Pageant, dessert to follow.
Wed. Dec. 21 - 7:00 p.m. "Blue Christmas"
Sat. Dec. 24 - 7:00 p.m. Stories & Carols; 9:00 p.m. Candlelight & Communion
Sun. Dec. 25 - 10:00 a.m. Worship Service
4. Redeemer Lutheran Church
Sun. Dec. 18 - 7:00 p.m. Children's Program

Wed. Dec. 21, 22 & 23 - 7:45 p.m. Live Nativity
Sat. Dec. 24 - 7:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Worship Service
Sun. Dec. 25 - 10:30 a.m. Worship Service
5. St. Anthony's Catholic Church
Sat. Dec. 24 - 8:00 p.m. Mass in the MP Room at the Didsbury Complex.
6. St. Cyprian's Anglican Church
Fri. Dec. 23 - 7:00 p.m. Christmas Service
Sunday School & Carols. Rev. Charles Alexander-Eucharist Service.
7. Zion Evangelical Missionary Church
Sun. Dec. 18 - 10:45 a.m. Sunday

School and Christmas Choir
Sat. Dec. 24 - 7:00 p.m. Christmas Service
Sun. Dec. 25 - 10:45 a.m. Christmas Service
Sun. Jan. 1 - 10:45 a.m. New Year's Service
8. Mountain View Evangelical Missionary Church
Sun. Dec. 18 - 6:30 p.m. Childrens Christmas Program & Choir
Sat. Dec. 24 - 7:00 p.m. Candlelight Service
Sun. Dec. 25 - 10:00 a.m. Sunday Service
Sun. Jan. 1 - 10:00 a.m. Sunday Service

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By way of a tree in the garden, the tree of the knowledge of good and evil did Ol' Satan entice our first parents to sin. The fruit of the tree never falls far. By means of fig leaves did our parents try to hide their great shame. By means of the trees of that garden paradise did they seek to hide their now hideous frame. "Adam what did you do? Because you ate from the tree about which I commanded you, You must not eat, Cursed is the ground because of you; it will produce trees with thistles for you."

So the tree of our great down fall became the tree of our cursing, the cause of the sweat on our brow.

Now move to the days of good Noah where the sign of our cursing became the sign of our deliverance. By the hewn, hauled and hammered Gopher trees Noah built the ark. And God sealed them in and delivered them from sin. It was the sign of an Olive tree that alerted Noah and his family that the time of their deliverance was at hand when God

dried up the land. We can only imagine what great mirth and merry making arose when Noah and his family left the ark.

Next turn to our father in the faith, good ol' Abe. He found shelter from sun and home for his people by the great trees of Mamre at Hebron. There years later his bones would be buried by that tree awaiting the fulfilment of God's promise.

It was a tree that Abraham placed on his son of the promise as they

walked to Mariah the place of the sacrifice. It was by a tree that God provided the substitute sacrifice. Issac was freed, a ram was caught in the thickets. And Abraham called that place the Lord will provide.

By means of a tree, a bright and glowing bush, God alerted Moses to what He was about to do. By means of a tree, a wooden ol' shepherd's staff God convinced Moses to lead his people to freedom. By means of that staff the curse on Egypt was begun.

By means of that staff, the people passed through the depths of the sea, drank the water when thirsty. By means of the staff lifted high for all to see the venom of snakes was treated and people destined to die in the dessert were healed.

The great cedars of Lebanon hewn, hauled and hammered provided wood for the temple of Solomon. It was coals from burnt wood that provided for sacrifice and incense for prayer at the hours of the day a pleasing aroma to God.

See "TREE" page B6



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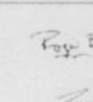
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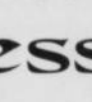
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Christmas Blessings

May the miracle of Christmas be yours to cherish, filled with family and friends. We feel gifted that you place your trust in us. Have a Joyous Noel and Happy New Year!
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KNOX UNITED CHURCH Christmas Reflection

**"The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it."
(John 1:5).**

by Rev. Nancy Nourse

As I sit down to write this reflection, I am reminded of all the twinkling lights of every colour in the rainbow that decorate the streets of Didsbury. And how appropriate, that during the darkest season of the year

we bring out the lights and celebrate the light that came into the world in the infant born in Bethlehem. How blessed we are to have homes to decorate, and a few extra dollars to afford the lights and decorations. Throughout the world, people are preparing in their own traditions to celebrate the birth of Christ, and while the enthusiasm and faithfulness of people in our community shines like their Christmas lights, my mind wanders to think of how others in the world are celebrating this season.

In Mexico, Christians celebrate Las Posadas ñ seven nightly candlelight processions that reenact the journey to Bethlehem and shelter Mary and

Joseph struggled to search for. Going from house to house, members of the procession sing songs and beg to come in, but are turned away. Only on the last night are they invited in to homes to sing and eat around the manger scene.

In Ireland, people place lit candles in their windows to guide the journey of the Holy Family and anyone else who might find themselves out in the cold. In other areas of the Northern Hemisphere, bonfires are lit and other forms of light are used as the centre pieces for family and community gatherings. And yet if we flip to the Southern Hemisphere, where it is warm and light, people still gather.

But in places such as New Zealand and Australia people gather with candlelight on the beaches and in parks to sing carols.

Mary and Joseph faced darkness in our Christmas story. Mary struggled to explain her sudden pregnancy. Joseph questioned his place in the events and the embarrassment of wondering what the neighbours were thinking. Together the couple faced homelessness and exhaustion after their required journey. And they would have been filled with unanswered questions as to why this special baby was to be born in a place suited only for farm animals.

But Mary and Joseph trusted. They trusted in God's presence with them, and indeed light shone in their darkness.

Regardless of your traditions or the ways you choose to participate in this season, I pray that light will find its way into your darkness. May illness be overcome with healing and wholeness. May the busyness of the season be calmed with the Spirit's gentle ways and quiet moments of reflection. May strained relationships be comforted with warm hearts and a caring smile. May struggles at work or the insecurity of employment be eased with ways of justice and peace for all.

In this season of Christmas, may we rejoice in all that we are blessed with. And may we all make way for the light to break into the darkness through acts of faithful living. Christmas blessings to you all!



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A Christmas Recipe

It's Christmas at our house and my wife is hard at it planning and baking (I especially enjoy that part). Christmas is a time of frenzied activity, of banquets, programs, parties, services, shopping, cooking, baking, cleaning, and hanging the lights. Isn't Christmas supposed to be peaceful, happy, and joyous? Why do many struggle with depression, the "blues," broken dreams, broken relationships and loneliness at a time when there's supposed to be hope, family and happiness. Consumerism plagues our society at Christmas and we've twisted this season into an excuse for materialism. How do we restore Christmas to its original intent? Just like Christmas baking you need the right ingredients and the ones necessary for a good Christmas are:

1. 1 Cup of Giving - Remember what God gave to us at Christmas, Jesus - who gave His life for our sin. Why don't we give to Christ like the Wise Men did? Give yourself to Him and say "Lord I've messed up, I've sinned but you sent Jesus to die for my sin, to take it away, please wash away my sin and make me new, I give my life to you." Give to the less fortunate. Christ did say, "it is more blessed to give than to receive," but we spend money like crazy, and dig ourselves deeper into the debt to feed the monster of ma-

terialism. Our giving should include giving to others in need just like the Wise Men did for Christ in His poverty.

2. A Dollop of Contentment - Christmas has become an excuse for greed. TV keeps us unsatisfied, needing the latest, greatest, new and improved thing! Our lives do not consist in an abundance of possessions (Luke 12:15). The solution is to concentrate on the blessings we already have not our wants! To be "content with such things as we have" (Heb. 13:5) and learn that "godliness with contentment is great gain" and "if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that." (1 Tim. 6:6,8).

3. 1 Lb. Of Simplicity - Perhaps we lack peace, joy, contentment and love because we lack simplicity in our lives. Our lives are complex and busy with work, with all those gadgets, conveniences, expensive houses, cars and toys not to mention pointless activities. We don't have time for our spouse, our family, or even God. We need to simplify our lives, get rid of junk or pointless activity instead of accumulating more. Could we spend more time with our family and spouse, instead of at the office, the rink, in front of the TV or X-box or in so much senseless activity like a ham-

ster on a wheel running but going nowhere.

4. ¾ Cups Gratitude - In Charlie and the Chocolate Factory you notice that Charlie was a grateful kid. Even though he didn't have much he was thankful. He contrasted greatly with the spoiled rotten brats that toured the factory with him. There is nothing worse than an ingrate (an ungrateful person). How come there are so many spoiled children and adults in this world? Is the solution to give them more? No! The solution is to help people to say thank you, to count their many blessings instead of counting all the things that they don't have!

5. Sprinkle With Love - And the greatest of these is love. Love is a decision not something you "feel". You make a decision to love the people around you every day. The people around you need to be loved - and you must choose to love them (especially when they are unlovable!). There is no greater time than at Christmas to show people you love them - through a gift, an encouraging word, spending time with someone, a hug or even just helping someone out with something. These are concrete ways to show your love, to give yourself instead of more useless stuff.

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Christmas Eve Candlelight Service -
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Christmas Day Service - Dec. 25th
@ 11 am

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At The Kitchen Table

by
Noreen Olson

The Complete Christmas
It started in late September,
With a call from her sister Flo
"I guess it's your turn for Christmas,
And I thought you'd like to know
The kids are all home, so we're seven,
And you'd better ask cousin Fred
He's broken up with that nice Ruth Ann,
And he's a sad and lonely man,
Who's not looking forward to Christmas.

In October she started making lists,
And the lists were awfully long
Things to buy and things to make,
Things to mail and things to bake
Hang decorations in and out,
Check the lights, put away in doubt,
Order a turkey, borrow some chairs,
Wind pine garlands up the stairs,
Call Grandma and Grandpa and make sure they,
Feel like part of the goings on,
Prepare a Christmas letter,
Write Christmas cards 'til dawn.

At Thanksgiving her daughter Amanda,
Six months into her new "career"
Said "Christmas at home is so passé,
My friends and I are going away."
Could you give me some money to buy new clothes,
No hand knits please!, and she turned up her nose,
Waved her manicured hand at her mom's stash of wool,
Adjusted her skirt with a sharp little pull,
And returned to her job in the city.

Her husband offered to do the tree,
And carried the boxes upstairs,
Tinsel and dust and fluff billowed out,
"I guess," he said, "this removes any doubt
About where the cat's been sleeping."
Meanwhile the pup, who should have known better,
Tore the wreath from the door
And the lights from the deck,
She came home from shopping,
Looked over the wreck,
And indulged in a fit of weeping.

On Christmas Eve they went to Church,
With the table still unset,
Several gifts still needed wrap,
She'd sell a leg for a little nap,
But mostly she was ready.
The Christmas message restored her soul
And the dear old carols made her feel more whole,
But the streets were icy, the night was cold
And mostly she felt, just tired and old.
And not in the mood for Christmas.

Flo and Bud arrived with their gaggle of kids,
The candy and nuts disappeared
The turkey was brown and crisp and hot
Lovely things bubbled in every pot,
But she missed her daughter lifting the lids,
Shaking the parcels, teasing the kids...
As they joined their hands to say the prayer
Amanda slipped into a vacant chair
And suddenly it was Christmas.

Somewhere an angel was ringing a bell
And the lights on the tree looked brighter
Even cousin Fred seemed less depressed,
Flo's kids looked cuter and better dressed,
Candles gleamed, when before they'd guttered,
The crowded mantle looked much less cluttered,
Her husbands smile filled her heart right up,
'Til there was no more room in her flooded cup,
Not one more thing would she ever ask.
Her family was home for Christmas.

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And it was the fruit of the tree, olive oil
to be exact that provided light for the people,
much merriment and great joy.

The tree of our sinning, the tree of our cursing,
the tree of our shame, has always been firmly planted in this world. It has borne murderers and rebels exposing their shame. The tree of death. Likewise the tree of our deliverance, the tree of hope and joy has been sown right along side.

On the tree of death, that tree of scorn and shame, hewn, hauled and hammered was hung the deliverance of all the world. Satan danced with great mirth when He saw the Lord of all exposed on the tree. And the Second Adam cried out to God, "It is finished! Father into your hands I commit my spirit." So the tree of our cursing, the tree of our shame has become the tree of our hope, our deliverance, great joy and great mirth. Is it any wonder why we struggle with the tree of this season? This Holiday Tree, this Holy Day Tree, this Christmas Tree. This Christ Mass Tree.

Hang on! Still one more tree to come! You will find this tree in Revelations in the New Creation. The tree of life that has always been there. The tree that bears leaves for the healing of nations, no longer hiding sin and shame. Gone is the cursing. Now the tree points to the creator and sustainer of all things who abundantly provides for all peoples and nations. What joy and mirth we will enjoy by that tree! This Holiday Tree, Holy Day Tree, Christmas Tree, Christ Mass Tree is their room to add Healing Tree to our celebrations? Perhaps we have missed the point. The tree itself is not the point. But it points to the point of the holiday, holy day, our Christmas celebrations. Like an arrow, the figure of the tree draws our eyes heavenward to our Creator. Its trunk draws our attention to its roots and ours - the Lord of nations who came enfleshed in His creation. The boughs of the tree patiently wait like open arms the blessings of God, the rain, dew and sun-

light from above. The figure of the tree alerts us to the posture of all creation, of all humanity as we wait patiently sustained by his gracious provisions, the healing of the nations.

Holiday Tree, Holy Day Tree, Christmas Tree, Christ Mass Tree, is there any wonder we get confused?

But God has not left us in confusion. He has not left us in the dark. He sent us His Son and in him, in his coming in human flesh, in His sacrificial and atoning death we know hope, deliverance, peace and best of all His love. May the revelation of His love fill you with great peace and joy!

In Christ, Pastor Rob

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On behalf of Mountain View County Council and staff we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a safe holiday season.



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by Noreen Olson

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Christmas 2005

A - Authority Advent is the proclamation that God is the ultimate authority over life and Salvation.

D - Divinity In advent we affirm the divinity of a babe born in a stable.

V - Vulnerability Though God could have come in any form or way to redeem humanity, God chose to come in human yet divine form as a vulnerable baby.

E - Eternity Through this babe called Jesus, God chooses to offer eternal life to those who believe in him and on him. Advent is the prelude to Easter.

N - Near Even though the actual event took place almost 2000 years ago, Advent is a promise that God will always be near to us through the gift of his Holy Spirit.

T - Timbrels Advent is a time to worship God in unique ways primarily because we use exclusive hymns and carols not associated with other times of the church year.

C - Jesus become Christ As trite as it may sound, Jesus is still the reason for the season.

H - Humour Humour is rich tonic for an ailing spirit. Often we may reject or completely miss the humour that God provides for our health instead of welcoming it.

R - Relationship Advent and Christmas are all about relation-

ship, God to us, us to God and us to creation which obviously includes each other to each other.

I - Interruptions The Christmas story is another example of how God interrupts the lives of ordinary people for the purposes of God.

S - Servanthood Jesus the babe grew to be the suffering servant for humanity.

T - Time Christmas and Advent, if we allow them, provide us with time to remember. This may be a time to share remembrances with family and friends or to remember softly to ourselves times gone by and the present time we are given.

M - Miracles God still does miracles both large and small.

A - Answers Advent and Christmas remind me that I have more questions than answers but the one answer that I can be certain of is this, Jesus loves me this I know for the Bible tells me so.

S - Sovereign In spite of everything that happens in this world both the good and the bad — God will always be sovereign.

Both Advent and Christmas are synonymous with hope and God's promise of hope. Through the gift of this babe Jesus to a surprised couple, God hoped that they would nurture the child into adulthood through good parenting. God hoped

and continues to hope that people like you and I will find meaning in life and meaning beyond life through the gift of salvation brought and bought through the gift of God to humanity, Jesus the Christ.

The Advent season and Christmas also provide us with opportunities to reach out to others who may not have the envious position of having loving family or friends with which to share part of this Christmas season.

"For unto us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." Isaiah 9:6

So from Bergthal Mennonite Church we hope for you God's blessing this Advent and Christmas season.

Pastor Elwin Garland
Bergthal Mennonite Church

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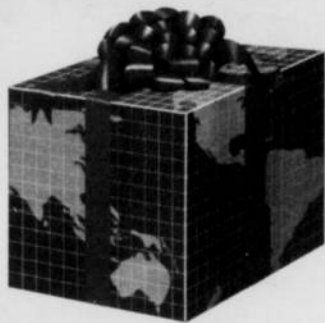
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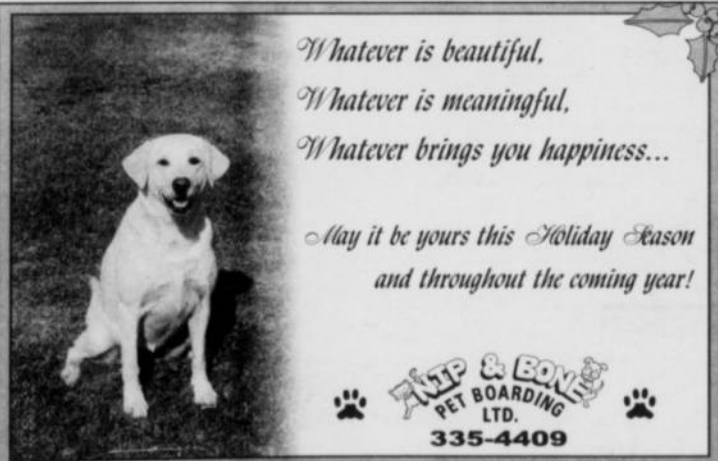
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What's all this hectic rush and worry?

Where go these crowds who run and scurry?

Why all the lights-the Christmas trees?

The jolly "fat man," tell me please!

Why, don't you know? This is the day

For parties and for fun and play;

Why this is Christmas!

So this is Christmas, do you say? But where is Christ this Christmas day?

Has He been lost among the throng?

His voice drowned out by empty song?

No. He's not here-you'll find Him where

Some humble soul now kneels in prayer,
Who knows the Christ of Christmas.

But see the many aimless thousands

Who gather on this Christmas Day,

Whose hearts have never yet been opened,

Or said to Him, "Come in to stay."

In countless homes the candles burning,

In countless hearts expectant yearning

For gifts and presents, food and fun,

And laughter till the day is done.

But not a tear of grief or sorrow

For Him so poor He had to borrow

A crib, a colt, a boat, a bed

Where He could lay His weary head.

I'm tired of all this empty celebration,

Of feasting, drinking, recreation;

I'll go instead to Calvary.

And there I'll kneel with those who know

The meaning of that manger low,

And find the Christ-this Christmas.

I leap by faith across the years

To that great day when He appears

The second time, to rule and

reign,
To end all sorrow, death, and pain.

In endless bliss we then shall dwell

With Him who saved our souls from hell,

And worship Christ-not Christmas!

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"This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins."
John 4: 9-10

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--Matthew 2:10

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Give them a Book! That's all you'll need,
To wish Pure Happiness...Godspeed!
Frank Pavlick, Canada's Sports Poet



Good boys and girls

Ross Ford grade one/ two students dropped off their letters to Santa last week, at the Didsbury Review office. They are now patiently waiting to see if Santa will bring them what they asked for.



Thank You

Aspen Ridge Lodge would like to wish Merry Christmas to Didsbury community groups, volunteers, special friends, and family members for their support in 2005. Thank you all for your support and we look forward to seeing you in 2006!!!

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your home this
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Thanks for everything!

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Merry Christmas



DIDSBURY

From
Management
& Staff

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BEST THIS HOLIDAY SEASON
AND THROUGHOUT THIS
VERY SPECIAL NEW YEAR.
MANY THANKS TO ALL
FOR YOUR SUPPORT
AND CONTINUED
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It may be cold outside, but
our hearts are warmed by
thoughts of the many good
folk we've had the privilege
to serve this past year. We
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at
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December 5, 2005
Dear Santa How are your reindeer?

I am a good girl. Please bring me a reindeer's belt. My sister would like a zoo playmobile set. I have a dog. Have a Merry Christmas!
love Anna
1D/2C

DEar SAnTA,
December 5, 2005.
DiD You gAt new reindeer SAnTA.
I like you SAnTA. pleAse bring me Star wars Lego. My SiSter would like An unicorn. Merry ChristMAS!
Love NolAn
1D/2C

December 5, 2005
Dear santa claus, How are the elves? I like yoy santa. Please my baig sister a glowing reindeer. My mom would like some perfume. My dog would like a bone Have Merry Christmas
Love Cydney
1D/2C

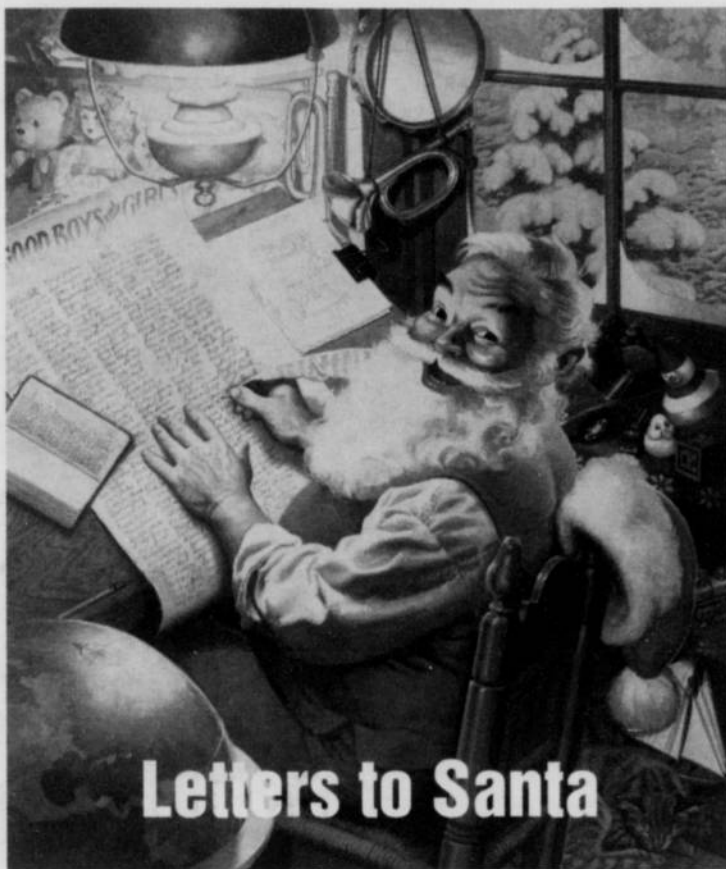
Dec. 7, 2005
Dear Santa,
How are you? I like you. Please bring me a picture of Ayllson. My mom would like a picture of me. Have a Happy Christmas.
Thank you
Love Shelly
1D/2C

December 6, 2005
Dear Santa Claus,
how are the elves? I like Christmas, Please bring me spray art. My mom would like a computer; Have a Merry Christmas, Thank you
Love Rylee
1D/2C

dear Santa;
How are you? I have tried hard to be good. Could you please bring me Moon Shoes. My brother wants Moon boots. Please bring my mom fur mitts and my dad some new tools.

Thanks Alot
Merry Christmas
Brandon
1D/2C

Dec. 5, 2005
Dear Santa,
How are you? I am working hard at school. I really want a new Christmas tree because I think it would be beautiful. Could you bring a metal remote for the t.v. for my



mom. For my dad a new bed. thank you
Love Parker
1D/2C

December 5, 2005
Dear Santa
How are you? How are the reindeer? I have 2 brothers and 1 sister. Please bring me a bey blade. My mom would like a Canada Flag. Please bring my dad a big flat screen t.v.
Merry Christmas. thank you
Love
Alex
1D/2C

December 5, 2005
Dear santa. how do Your reindeer fly? I have a friend namd Nolan. Please bring me Shell Shocker. Please bring my brother a new tricycle. Have a HaPPy mery Christmas.
love Duncan
1D/2C

Decembrer 5 2005
Dear Santa Claus

How r you? I want a comp uter
My sister would like Barbies. Merry Christmes. thank you!
Brayden
1D/2C

DecemBer 5
Dear Santa
How do Elfs Make toys Please bring me a Magic cape. My Brahter Would Like a truck. Merry chritmas.
Love Emilie
1D/2C

December, 5, 2005
Dear Santa Clauss
how do you get into chimney I have a dog. please bring me a Cd player. My two dogs would like new teddies. Have a good Christmas. Thank you!
Love Cayley
1D/2C

Decembr 5, 2005
Dear St, Nick,
How do you build electrical toys? I have a Cat named Dendy. Please bring me a bey blade and u gi oh cards. My brother would like a

furbee abd a robopet. Have a Merry Christmas. Thank you!
Love, brady
1D/2C

December 5, 2005
Dear Santa,
How do Reindeer fly, I work hard in school, Please bring me sumthin like a Sonwcoolhotel or the white love cud. My teoucher would like flwrs. My frend Danika would like choclote. Have a good year
from tesia
1D/2C

December 6 2005
Dear Mr. Claus.
How is Mrs Claus? I live East of Didsbury. My Mom would like a new yellow truck. Please bring me a my little pony. Have a Happy new year.
Love, Danika
1D/2C

December 5, 2005
Dear Santa, How is rudolph the red nose reindeer. I live in the country by Didsbury. Please bring me a CD player a sony kind of CD player. The one Miss Wooliams has. My brother Would like a sled that has a stering wheel. My other brother would like the Tiger that does a cart wheel. And I would like a playful pup. Merry Christmas! Thank you!
Love, Mytayla
1D/2C

December 5 2005
Dear santa
I have 2 sisters and a brother. Please bring me a pink yoy. My brother would like a car. have a Merry Christmas. Thank you.
Love Makenna
1D/2C

Dec. 5, 2005
Dear Santa,
how are the elves? I was a good girl this year. Please bring me a water baby. My baby sister would like spiders. happy New Year!
Love Amber
1D/2C

December 5 2005
Dear Santa How are you? Please can I have a computer and a computer screen. How are your reindeer doing Santa? I have a baby sister named jorga. She is cute Merry Christmas!
love Riley
1D/2C

December 6, 2005
Dear Santa Claus,
How are the elves? I like the presebts you brought us last year. Please bring me a picture of mefey Daveis because she is ded. My sister would like a catwoman Doll. Have a mery merry Christmas and a happy new year.
Love Samantha
1D/2C

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December 5, 2005

Dear Santa Claus,

how are you? I like presents. i really eant a hockey computer game. Also a train set. My dad wants a tractor to clean the snow. My mom wants a new dress. My sister Paige want new dance shoes. For papa Siemen please bring Calgary Flames hockey tickets so he can take me to a hockey game. Have a very Merry Christmas and say hi to Rudolph.

Thank you.

Love Clay

1D/2C

Dec. 5 2005

I hope you ahve a good time dilivrin the presnts. I want a minhockey stick. please. I want goalie protecsheun. My broter wants a goalie helmet and he also goalie gloves and goalie stiske. love Jeremy Gerber Merry christmas! Thank you

1D/2C

Dear Santa

Thank you fro the Lego knite you gave me last year. Plees Santa get me a new Bionicle this year. Plees Santa get Emma a new my little pony. Pleese Santa give the poor people books to reeid. Santa how meny ranedeer do you have? Santa how meny elfs do you have? I love you Santa

Dylan 1B

Dear Santa.

Thank you for the scool bus you gave me last year. please Santa can you gave me a pirit Costyoom. Can you give my bruthr a ras car please Santa Can you give the wrld sum hapyness. my Dad saw Roodov the red nohs randeer. haw is Roodov doing. bi Santa

love Chris 1B

Dear santa

Thank you for the cowboy cot lasst yer. I please wot new hockey socs and a erplan but no flieing gers and my Mommy wons new shus and my Dad wons new gens. please get the purpel gud clothes. santa how do rader fli and haw duyoun make pesis. i love you.

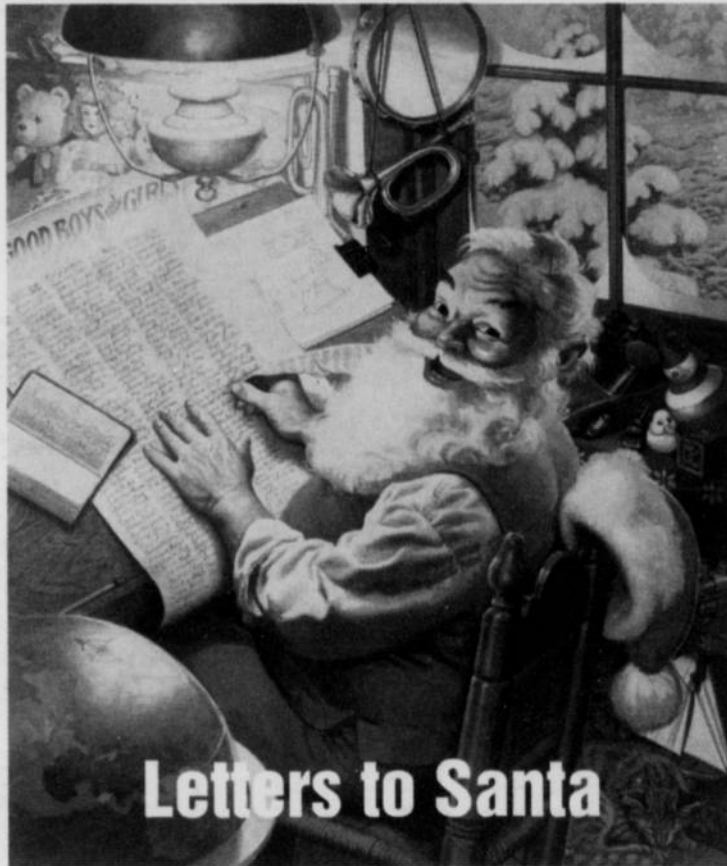
Boedy 1B

Dear santa

Thank you for the rev ups las yer and the stige bubos. Santa please can you giv me a bedmon can you giv my buthe a new roodf nos Dear Santa can you giv The Por pepl clen wdo. how bo you mac randers fly how bo you mc ol the tos

grbi San

Logan 1B



Letters to Santa

Dear Santa

Thank you for the presins you gav me last yeer. Tis yeer can you get me a brat and pless can you get me a hors. pless can you get me a BrBee. pless can you bet my mommy a plant can you get my DaD a toowil cit and can you tell me iff you are rell. Can you tell me pless if randeer do fli can you ples get the por pepl alot uv cleen wotr. can you pless get the por peple alot uv hethe fob.

bi santa

Kaitlyn 1B

Dear Santa

Thank you for the unicorn and The Dinosaurs and The bioincls. I want a new unacrn This yer. please can you giv my Mom a glas tebeli Can you giv my dada, a x box. Please can you giv the Word pes. Haw do you mac presnts? What do you yus four a Sla? Mere kresmas Santa

From Tyler 1B

Dear Santa

Thank you for the glob last yer.

please cen you get me a Bedemon. please cen you get Boedy a drivg irplan. please cen you give the wrlb pes. hauw do yor rader fli. hauw mene elvs do you have. have a nes Trip Santa.

love Graysen 1B

Dear Santa

Thank you for the prasints you gav me lastyr. ples cud you give me the ealafent gaem thues yr. Cud you giv my mom a africn thig. Cud yuo gev my DaD toul. Cud you giv The por pepl som clen wotr. Is wodif rwel. how mne render do you hav. hav a saf trip santa

Vincent 1B

Dear bSanta

Thank you for The Gaemboy you got me last yer. Please cen you git me a little getar. Please get Jena a little baby. Please cen you get The Por PePl sum Prests. Cen RoboF toc. How big your sled. Dot forget to come to my hosus

love Jordie 1B

Dear sata

Thank you for the pumpup ar

plan last yer. please santa I wot a tran set this yeat Ples cod you breg my mom a prete shrt. ples cod you breg my Dad a col shrt. ples cod you breg the poos pepol pees. haw do you get thro the weold in one nuet and how mene elves do you have. have a nus trep.

Love Dawson 1B

Dear Santa

Thank you for the bike you gav me las yir. Plese May you giv me a not bok. Plese May you Bring My little bruthr a Teletuby. please xan you bring the por pepl a toye. Sant haoo mene Ran Der do you have. Sant how big is your Sla.

bie Santa

Love Megan 1B

Dear Santa

Thank yo for ol the Presins you gav my last yer. I wod like to get a Famole Mouve cald Hrbe the tocin car. Ples brin My Dad a Jig Saw and I wod like to Get a Har Clip for my mom. I wod like to get the wrold a toe. Santa How Mene RanDer Dhwh you Hav. Haw Mene Elvs Dhwh you HAve. I like you Santa Clos.

Love Ashton 1B

Dear Santa

Thank you for the ras tre last yer. Plezs Santa giv me a credt drd this yer. Santa can you giv my sister a new X Box. can you giv the por people clen wotr. Santa ho menen preziz do you make ho do you go arnd the whrold See you latr

Luv Creed 1B

Dear Santa

Thank you fro All my presin I god last yer. I wont a drumpruc and a crane and a tracdt thes yer. Can you pleasee bring my Mum a now pilo. Santa please Can you bring The wrld pes and crit. haw mene randeer do you hav. haow is rodof doing. Have a saf trip Santa

Luv Bryan 1B

See "LETTERS" page B13

If you would like to send Santa a letter there is still time, his adress is

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Have a blessed Christmas

Dear Family and Friends,

Our last scheduled long trip for deputation was another answer to prayer. Probably I wasn't thinking very straight when I arranged for us to go to Athabasca to speak on December 11. It's the farthest north that we've been this year and to leave the trip until the middle of December?? The Lord was faithful once again and we had beautiful weather and dry roads all the way there and back. We even commented about no snow in the fields (looked a bit like dry season in Nigeria) when we were north of Edmonton. We are indeed very grateful to God for the fine weather.

Our time in Athabasca was enjoyable and, we trust, profitable. Again we stayed with wonderful church people and had good fellowship-I even got to watch the Calgary Flames (ice hockey) win in overtime! On Sunday we shared about our ministry and visited with long-time friends.

Having made arrangements ahead of time, we took a sack lunch and drove about four hours to Didsbury to share in the Christmas banquet at our home church. During the banquet it turned cold, but it wasn't snowing for our trip back to Calgary. We are so thankful for not having to drive in snow. Our years in Nigeria didn't prepare us for

that, and so far we've only had two trips during which it was snowing.

Janet volunteered to help organize the library books at a local counseling center so she wasn't available to come with me to Didsbury to prepare a house for sale. We've had this house for several years, but feel it is time to sell it since we will probably never live in it. I spent Monday through Thursday cleaning, painting, laying carpet, and fixing small things. There was nothing wrong with the house, but if we want it to sell, we need to make it attractive.

Even in this God was faithful. There were times when I wanted to give up (especially while laying the carpet!) but God gave me the grace to see it through. I stayed with my Mom at Aspen Ridge Lodge, eating the noon meals there and sleeping on her hide-a-bed. We had the chance to just visit-enjoyable.

Sadly, Mom's best friend for over sixty years passed away Wednesday morning. I remember Mrs. Hunsperger teaching me in Sunday School. She offered prizes for memo-


rizing Bible verses and I was eager to get the prizes. Many of the verses that I memorized have stayed with me through the years. What a precious legacy she left!

We are looking forward to celebrating our tenth wedding anniversary tomorrow. It's hard to believe that the years have sped by so quickly. I didn't realize what I was missing during all those years as a bachelor. Thank God that I didn't miss the right lady when God brought her along!

It looks like our visa is going to be delayed so we will probably not be going to Hungary in the middle of January as we had planned. Please pray that the visa will be granted soon after the new year and that God will give us the patience to wait for his perfect timing.

We wish all of you a blessed Christmas and a prosperous new year. Thank you for your prayers and support through the years.

Sincerely,
Dan for the Snyders



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3. Compare warranties when choosing a product. Find out how long the warranty lasts. Make sure the warranty meets your needs. If an extended service contract is offered for sale with the product, make sure it actually provides extra protection.
4. Delivery charges can add up when ordering by mail. Some catalogues charge flat fees for shipping, while others charge based on weight. If you call in an order, ask for the total to avoid shock when the bill comes.
5. If you plan to purchase a gift by credit card, make sure you know how much interest you will pay. If you make minimum payments, the interest can add a huge amount to the final cost of the gift.

Happy Holidays

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Letters *Continued from page B11*

Dear Santa,
thank you for the unicorn 1st yer.
this yer i want a new book. please
get Jordie a brat and get my little
sister a baby dols. please get the
world clen clos. haw can you rander
fliy. haw mene rander do you ahv.
Merry christmas Santa by santa
love Camryn 1B

Dear Santa
Thanke you for thi prasents you
gav me last yar. Ples can you gat
me a rocit bed. Ples can you git a
mostix trok for my Dad. ples can you
giv the por pypl 100\$. Ples can you
breg me a Rocitpac. How mine
pounds do yoy way. See you soon
Keegan 1B

Dear Santa
Thank you for the snobrd you gev
me Lasd yer. please Wel you ged me
a monsdri toi this yer. Wel you brn
my mom a pesel please. Cen you
please ben the por pepl Clen wodr.
Hane mene efs to you Have Hane
mene redes to you Have. Have a
good Cms Santa
Lov Damian 1B

Dear Santa
Thank you for the sno Bord. I
wud like a Brbe. Jade wud like a
musik box. Can you get good watr
for por pepl. Haw mane rander do
you hav? Haw mane eLFs do you
hav? Have a saF trip
Love Rhiannon 1B

Dear Santa
Thank you for the Dinosaurs last
year. please will you get me a X box.
please well you get my Dad a fak

berd so he can gres up like santa.
Santa how mene efs do you have
santa how big is yor sled. please will
you get my mom macup please will
you get the por pepl a milein bouks.
Santa have a goof trip
luv Ian 1B

Dear Santa
thank you for the robot you gav
me last yer. Please cen you get my
dad remot contrl mobeyol. cen you
get me a mostr truc. Can you giv
the por pepul pees. How mine pezits
do you hav how mine Elvs do you
hav. I hop you get my ledr.
Sean 1B

Dear Santa
Thank you for the macup cit.
Rhiannon wudoa like a BerBe. my
mom wudo like a new Jres. Pleas get
the pur pepul a scull. can you please
gat me a Sendria dol. duz Rodos noz
Rele litu up
mere cresas
Jade 1B

Dear santa
thank you for the BrBe las er.
Please git me a heart rato. please
git my mom a rato to and my dad a
tol shed. please Dear santa gf por
pepl WaTr. hW do you git mune. haf
a saf trip.
from Destiny 1B

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the Truck. MY
brother would like hotwheels. I
would like a remote contrl 4X4.
please bring the world joy. Why does
Santa bring presetns?
Love Nathan 1A

Dear Santa Claus
Thank you for Magatrons. My
Dad would like a cow boy hat for
christmas. My mom would like a belt
fro christmas. I would like another
Magatron fro christmas. Please
bring the world food and water. how
do you make the Presins? How big
is your sleigh? How das yurs
rudolph fly? Why do your reindeer
fly?
love Taylor 1A

Dear Santa Claus
Thank you for Barbe. My mom
would like a glas cat. my Dad would
like a dog. I would like a cat. Please
bring the world joy! how do your
reindeer fly?
love Aimee 1A

Dear Santa Claus
Thank you fro thre Barbie. My
sister Danya would like a dog. My
mom would like a glaas dol. My DaD
would like paper. I would like a cAt
a Raven advnace game, Harry poter
in the goblit of fire. Please bring the
world joy. What Dus The North pole
look liek Santa Claus? What dus
Mrs. Claus look like"
luv Johanna 1A

Dear Santa Claus
Thank you for the Bionicle.
Rowan would like a Bionicle. My
Mom would like a book. I would like
a star wars set and chaos dual disc.
please bring the world peace. How
far is hte North polee from Didsbury?
Loav Wyatt 1A

Dear Santa Claus,
Thank you for the barbie. My

mopm would like a komputr. My dad
would like Jens. I would like a
strawberry Shortcake tv and ver
and remote. Please bring the world
peace. how do reindeer fly Ho bo you
make presets?

Love Shae-Lynn 1A

Dear Santa Claus
Thank you for the board game.
My brothwyr would like a kite. i
would like a watergun Please bring
the world food and water. how does
Rudolf fly?
love Trey 1A

See "LETTERS" Page B15

Happy Christmas

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laughter with
those near
and dear
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And Grandpa gets his slippers,
I wish you the best of luck!

Imagine Uncle Jimmy in the kitchen
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Focus on the Family



QUESTION: Help! I'm the mother of two sons, and I feel as if I've been thrust into a strange new world. Are boys always so rough? Sometimes the noise level in our house is more than I can take! Is this normal?

DR. DOBSON: I've got both good and bad news for you — it is normal, so you'd better get used to it and learn to cope! One of my colleagues, Dr. Tim Irwin, once shared his observation that women who have not grown up with brothers are often shocked by the sheer physicality of boys — by the sights and sounds and smells they generate. Some, like you, admit they are completely "clueless" in knowing how to deal with them.

One obvious suggestion is to help boys release their excess energy by getting them involved in activities where fighting, laughing, running, tumbling and yelling are acceptable. Soccer, karate, Little League and football are a few possibilities. Moms also need to keep boys' little minds and hands busy. It's in their best interest to do so.

My father once said about our energetic toddler, "If you let that kid get bored, you deserve what he's going to do to you," Shirley's stepfather, who has a South Dakota accent, once said after baby-sitting our kids for a week, "Oh, der good kids. You just gotta keep 'em out in da open." Good advice!

Question: You've often said that boys and men are usually not natural communicators. Boy, does that describe the "men" in my life! What can I do to keep everyone talking to one another?

DR. DOBSON: Every family needs at least one highly communicative person in the home, and it looks like you are the one. Many boys are inclined to bottle up whatever frustration they are carrying inside. Unless you take the initiative to pull them out, some of them may withdraw within themselves and stay there emotionally. I urge you to do whatever is required to get into your son's world. Keep talking and exploring and teaching. Communication is the goal. Everything depends on it.

In 1991, Saddam Hussein and his Iraqi army invaded the tiny, oil-rich country of Kuwait and subjected its people to terrible brutality. Their troops were poised to attack Saudi Arabia and thereby control half the world's oil supply. President George H. Bush demanded repeatedly that Hussein withdraw his forces, but he stubbornly refused. Thus, on Jan. 17 of that year, Operation Desert Storm was launched. Several hundred thousand allied troops attacked the Iraqi army from land, sea and air. What do you think was the first objective of the battle?

You might expect it to have been Saddam's tanks, or his planes, or his frontline soldiers. Instead, the allies destroyed the Iraqis' communication network. Stealth bombers smashed it with smart bombs and other weapons. In so doing, our forces interfered with the ability of the Iraqi generals to talk to each other. They had no way to coordinate their effort or direct the movements of their army. The war ended a few weeks later.

What happened in Desert Storm has direct relevance for families. When the communicative link between members breaks down, they become disorganized and distant from each other. If husbands and wives stop talking to each other, or if parents and children grow silent, they slip into misunderstanding and resentment. Steel-reinforced barriers are erected, and anger prevails. For many families, this is the beginning of the end.

Let me urge all mothers to talk regularly to their sons (and, of course, to every other member of the family). It is a skill that can be taught. Work hard at keeping the lines of communication open and clear. Explore what your children and your spouse are thinking and feeling. Target your boys, especially, because they may be concealing a cauldron of emotion. When you sense a closed spirit developing, don't let another day go by without bringing hidden feelings out in the open. It's the first principle of healthy family life.

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Christmas movies



by Faye Bayko

Once the turkey is consumed and the card games put away, curling up on the couch or amongst throw pillows on the floor with friends or family is often the best way to bring to an end another Christmas day.

Cortney Spatz, assistant manager at Movie Gallery, recently offered the following suggestions, including her top three picks:

1. *March of the Penguins* (2005) — A documentary that looks at the annual journey of the Emperor penguins.

2. *The Polar Express* (2004) — A beautifully ani-

mated story of a boy who boards a magical train in order to find Santa Claus.

3. *Noel* (2004) — A drama about five New Yorkers who come together at Christmas seeking a miracle.

4. *Christmas with the Kranks* (2004) — A comedy about a parent's wish to move on once the children have left home.

5. *Charlie Brown's Christmas* (1965) — This classic is good for the young at heart.

6. *National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation* (1989) — A stand-alone comedy about a family's Christmas plans turning disastrous.

7. *How the Grinch Stole Christmas* (2000) — Jim Carrey's comedic remake of the Dr. Seuss classic tale.

8. *Surviving Christmas* (2004) — This comedy follows a lonely millionaire who orders a family Christmas to go.

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Sunday Worship Service - 10:00am
Pastor: Elwin Garland
For more information ph. 335-4451

Redeemer Lutheran
LUTHERAN CHURCH CANADA
1500-23rd
Rev. Robert Mohs
Church: 335-3161 / Res: 335-3656
Sunday School: 9:30a.m.
Adult Bible Study Sunday: 9:30a.m.
Worship: 10:30a.m.
Holy Communion 1st & 3rd Sun. 10:30a.m.
Jr. & Senior Youth, Women's & Seniors Ministry Group, Small Group Bible Study meetings throughout the week.

St. Anthony's Catholic
2030 - 24th Ave. Didsbury
For more information, please contact
Claude Baril @ 335-3842
Catholic Women's League: Wendy MacKenzie 335-8507
Knights of Columbus: Jim Myhre 335-3633
If you would like to attend Mass in Olds, but require a ride, we have parishioners willing to provide transportation. Please call Wynne Wollen at 335-8891

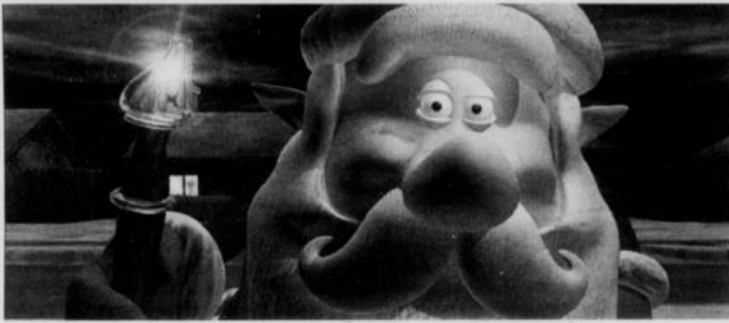
Mountain View Evangelical Missionary Church
(14km East of Didsbury)
Pastor John Lucas
Office: 335-4422
Home: 335-8923
Morning Worship - 11:00 a.m.
Sunday School - 10:00 a.m.
For info. Concerning weekly activities please call the Church office.

Chinook Winds Christian Centre
1710 - 145th Didsbury
SUNDAY CELEBRATION: 10a.m.
Prophetic Worship and Bible Teaching for all ages - Nursery Service
ph/fx: 335-3551 email: cwc@airnet.com
Healing Rooms Ministry: Wed. 7pm-9pm
Pastoral Team: Richard & Beth Kope
See you at the centre!

West Zion Mennonite Church
South of Didsbury to sign - West 1 1/2 miles
Pastor Trevor Kirieka, Info: 337-2020
Sept. 1st - June 20th
Sunday School - 10a.m.
Worship Service - 10:55 a.m.
Nursery available during service.
Everyone Welcome!

See You in Church This Sunday

NEIGHBORHOOD

Letters *Continued from page B13*

Dear Sont Claus

Thank you for the Scooby Doo slippers. My dad would like a dog. i would like a Barbie and a new angel Please bring the world happiness. How does Rudolph fly? How does Mrs. Claus bake cookies?

love Michelle 1A

Dear santa Clause

Thank you for the Batmane pyjamas My mom would like a new computer. i would like a batman housecoat. Please bring the world joy. how do you make presents?

love Wade 1A

Dear Santa Claus.

Thank you for the ship. my dad would like hot choklit. My mom would like a Tea maker. i would like a compter. Please bring the world joy. How does roodolf fly?

love Mitchell 1A

Dear Santa Claus.

Thank you for the Sonic game. My Brother would like a computer. My Dad Would like a Computer. i would like a Sonic adventure two game for game cube. Please bring the world joy. Why does Rudolph have a glowing noz

love Billy

Dear santa Claus.

Thank you for Cenderella. My brother would like a Power Ranger. I would like a dol that talks and walks. Please bring the world joy.

Why do reindeer fly?

Love Abbie 1A

Dear Santa Claus.

thank you for the Barbie. My mom would like a dog. My dad would like a new shoes. i would like a Bratz doll. please bring the world joy. how does Rudolph fly?

love Zarabeth 1A

Dear Santa

Thank you for my dance game. My brother would like an X-Box 360. i would like Easy Bake Oven. Please bring the world joy. How does Mrs. Claus bake cookies?

love calista 1A

Dear Santa Claus

Thank you for my Hot wheels. My brother would like a fast ball toy. my mom would like a candle. My Dad would like gloves. I would like a Scooby Doo movie. Please bring the world happiness. where is the North Pole?

love Noah 1A

Dear Santa Claus

Thank you fro My Doll. My Mom would like a truck. I would like a pony that is purPle. Please bring the world food and water. Why is your beard white?

Love Tasha 1A

Ddear Santa Claus

Thank you for The Candy and The hairbeader. my Mom would like

a Christmas sweater. My Dad Would like New Sliprs. I would like a Bratz Doll and a Thats so Raven game boy and a Dog. please bring the world food and water. how yow Rudolph fly?

love Alexis 1A

Deasr Santa Claus

Thank you for the tranfmorer. My DAD would like a comPUter. My MoM would like a glas dog. I would like a transformer and a X boX pleaSe bring the wordl joY. How do your reindeer fly? How big is Your sleigh?

love DREw 1A

Dear Santa Claus

thank you for the candeeY. My MOM would like Sum joolree. My DAD would like a book hee hasint red. I would like gameboy and a pees two and a remote chrol plane. Please bring the world peace. Why doyou go dan the chimney Santa? Why does Rudolph have a red nose?

love Jacob 1A

Dear Santa Claus

Thank you for the remote control car. My mom would like a car. My brother would like a fish. My dad would like a tool box. My sistet would like a robe. I would like a toy house. Please bring the world joy. How do your Reindeer fly?

love Jordan 1A

Dear Santa Claus

Thank you for the metal dutetar.

My dad would like a Tool box. My Mom would like a clening tool. My sister would like a robo Pet. i would like a Choas Dual Disc. Please bring the world peace. How big is yor sleigh? How do you maik the Presnt? How dos Rudolph Fly? How do yuo feeu? How do yuo git down chimney

lef Brock 1A

Dear Santa Clau

Thank you for the candy. My dadwould like a dog. My mom would like a cat I would like a cat. Please bring the world joy. How does Rudolf fly?

Love Ty 1A

Yuletide Greetings

From
Paul &
Sandy
and all
the staff
at



K & W Drive-In

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for a safe and
Happy Holiday!

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and
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Christmas
Trees

by Faye Bayko

Size and price are the two main considerations Carole Durstling, parent leader for the Silver Sage Riders 4H club, said people have when choosing a tree.

"The first thing we ask them is, How much space do you have?" said Durstling Tuesday afternoon while volunteering at the tree lot set up in the Coop parking lot. "Then we ask what kind of price they're willing to pay."

This was the first year the Silver Sage Riders joined with the Ropers & Riders 4H club to sell Christmas trees as a fundraising project and it has proven a successful one.

"The girls are having fun," said Durstling. "This is one of our biggest fundraisers."

Choosing a natural Christmas tree can be tricky. The trees with small needles and space between the branches are easier to decorate. The tree should look fresh, have good color and be pliable.

"When they take the tree home they should cut a couple of inches off the bottom," said Durstling. This will allow the tree to absorb water as soon as it's set in the stand.

"This will prolong its life, freshness and smell."

Frequently filling the waterwell in the tree stand will prevent the tree from drying out.

Merry Christmas
& a Healthy New Year

from Ken, Lora and
all the staff



FITNESS FX



Sending Our Best

...And hoping your holiday delivers lots of love and laughter. It's been a pleasure seeing you this year and we look forward to seeing you again soon. Thanks!

The
Green Bamboo
Chinese Restaurant
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Didsbury, AB

NEIGHBORHOOD

Keep those cards and letters coming

by Joyce Hoey

Have you done your Christmas cards yet? That was a typical question for early December not so very many years ago.

The tradition of sending out Christmas cards has a long history, the first one having been created in 1843 by John Calcott Horsley, an English illustrator.

The idea didn't blossom immediately, but by 1860, the custom had spread throughout England.

The earlier cards were indeed works of art. Quite small, with intricate designs and sometimes delicate lace inserts, these delightful objects were to become heirlooms. How many were carelessly tossed away? I only recall seeing one—a treasured item in one of Mom's memory boxes.

The cards of my generation are much more generic. Sometimes they feature a typical winter scene, often a still life of the manger setting or the Wise Men following the star.

I always avoid the secular scenes, with Santa, gifts or sleighs.

They have little meaning to me. Still available for the more persistent seeker are cards of great beauty. Some of the Thomas Kincade works are awe-inspiring, the paintings often featuring a village, resplendent in snowy garlands and sparkling diamonds. And always the soft glow of lighted windows, warm and inviting.

The words within have changed too. We read politically correct "wishing you holiday greetings". I'm not very correct, I admit.

I love the prayers, the telling of Christ's birth, the assurance of God's presence. Some of the enclosures are so stirring that nothing else needs to be added.

Like the craft of letter correspondence, the gift of card giving is disappearing. For a time a few friends generated computer cards, but many gave that up too.

How often the use of time-saving devices, in pursuit of a goal, eliminates the goal altogether.

I have received many Christmas letters, a one fits all variety. Those are fine, in fact I use them myself, but I invariably pen much more individual news.

One friend sends the form letter, the personal additions, plus computer printed photos of her family, in glowing colors. I should try that myself. It might result in an im-

provement of the original, speaking personally of course.

I used to hand write all my letters, but recently the wrists and shoulders complain about that habit. I notice that my handwriting is no longer what it once was. Some of my friends at the lodge, who would most like to continue the tradition of card and letter writing, are similarly afflicted.

Many have arthritic fingers, weak wrists and failing eyesight.

One in particular misses the joy of letter writing. She says the words still form meaningfully in her mind, but in the process of conveying them to paper, something gets lost. There must be a flaw in her pen.

For those of us who have the desire to correspond, continue to do so. Being a product of a vanishing era isn't a bad thing. Perhaps if we continue writing letters, penning our own thoughts to beautifully crafted cards and sending them out confidently, we will make a difference to someone's life.

My friend, who is in the recovery stage after a debilitating stroke, tells me what a pleasure my letters and writings bring to her restricted lifestyle.

However you choose to convey your Christmas greetings, remember that the one receiving the thoughts appreciates them so much. During this blessed Christmas season, may you feel the peace of the Christ of Christmas.



Silent Night

May this holy season blanket you and your loved ones with warmth and contentment. Merry Christmas from all of us.

Topnote Music School

Didsbury 335-8563




SEASON'S GREETINGS

May all your hopes and dreams come true this holiday season and beyond.

Many thanks and Merry Christmas!

from the staff at the
ROYAL BANK
Didsbury Branch

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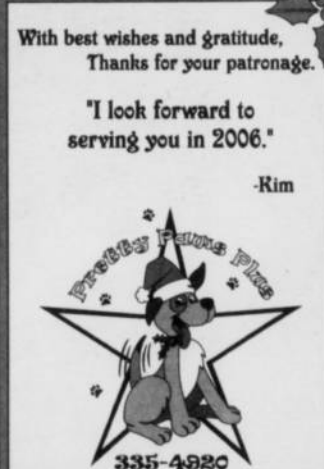
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-Rim

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GOOD
SEASON**


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and sincere thanks
to our members.

Management & Staff

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FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD,
THAT HE GAVE HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON,
THAT WHOSOEVER BELIEVETH IN HIM
SHALL NOT PERISH, BUT HAVE EVERLASTING LIFE.
-John 3:16

We'd like your family to join us as we celebrate the
Miracle of Jesus' birth during this holy season.



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Wishing You Every Happiness This Holiday Season.
We're truly grateful for all your loyal support.

Best Wishes
Gil, Amy, Jason, Kendra,
Dolly & Joe

Gil's Truck & Auto Repair

NEIGHBORHOOD

Jackson W.I. Christmas meeting

The Christmas meeting of the Jackson W.I. was held at Lita Reid's home Dec. 14th with 15 members (perfect attendance) and one guest present. The hostess picked "Do You Hear What I Hear?" to sing after which we repeated the Mary Stewart Collect.

President Ev. Robertson opened our meeting with a humorous reading "Ode To Unshopping".

The Roll Call: a Christmas gift idea for someone who has everything brought a flood of responses; a Lee Valley gift certificate, charitable donations to various societies such as the Mustard Seed and World Vision; our time and lots of hugs; Skinny Joe's delivered meals at Carstairs; gift certificate for a pedicure or a massage, etc; membership to PBS; buy an acre of Rain Forest in their name; amaryllis bulb or any plant or fresh flowers; home baking; story books for children or adults; and who wouldn't enjoy a rail trip through the Rockies.

We are most proud to realize that we've collectively volunteered over 1200 hours in 2005.

Marie Olson informed us of the state of our finances, and Darlene Hallett read the minutes of the November meeting. Then we sang "Joy To The World".

Dorit Bird reported on the great response we received at our W.I. table on December 13th at the Cremona Craft Sale.

The Wild Rose Constituency Meet-

ing was held Nov. 30th at Dorit Bird's. It revealed the winners of the Quilt raffle (which Kathie Reid assembled). Irene Christensen of Didsbury was the lucky recipient, while Catherine Howell of Cochrane won a picture painted by Dorit, and Ron Brigby of Cochrane won the pen set crafted by Don Robertson.

The April 22nd Spring Conference will be held at the Cremona Gold and Silver Centre, and Jackson W.I. is responsible for setting up. Bancroft is the hosting branch. There will be a complete open entry for all handicraft listed. Competent speakers and entertainers are already booked, so keep the day free to attend.

Next on the Christmas program Lita read a story "The Year That Dad Proposed We Give Our Christmas Away." Darlene read an excellent summation of our year's activities in her Annual Report.

There are several Competitions and Scholarships available through A.W.I. and the entry deadline is Jan. 6th of 2006, such as The Past President's Essay Competition - "Where Are We Going? Directions to the 21st Century."

Our visit to the Aspen Lodge is set for Jan. 27th and we will invite our husbands to accompany us as we visit with the residents. Noreen has volunteered to be our liaison. Elma Bird again played as we sang another carol "Oh Come All Ye Faithful" and we later finished our

caroling with "Silent Night."

Dorit has offered to take any handicraft articles to Innisfail Conference March 29th. Noreen Olson moved, seconded by Marie Olson that we send our Nov. Roll Call suggestions, "A local improvement we would like to see" to our new County representative Joy Gano.

Noreen then passed out five envelopes, one to each group of three ladies. She instructed us to make song titles from the enclosed letters and then sing the first verse.

Winners were "Jingle Bells" followed by "Away In a Manger", "Deck The Halls", "The First Noel", and

"We Three Kings".

We collected many varied toys and teddies as well as money donations for our local Christmas hampers.

We thank Dorit for her excellent work in typing up our year's schedule which looks to be most interesting. Ev. reminded us our next meeting will be held Jan. 25th at Mary Thomson's home with the Roll Call: Best or worst New Year's Eve.

Any lady wishing to learn more about Women's Institute is welcome to attend our meetings.

Phone Ev. at 337 3052 or Dorit at 337 2042.



Wishing You a
Bright and
Merry Holiday
Season.
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Thanks for the gift of your patronage.

Rick, Lynn & staff at
Waymore
335-9525



**Christmas is just
Around the Corner**

All over town, people are enjoying the beauty of the season with their near and dear ones. We'd like to send our best wishes for wonderful holidays to our friends everywhere!


Merry Christmas from the
Mayor, Councillors
and the Staff of the
Town of Didsbury.



Warmest Wishes!

**and
SEASON'S
GREETINGS**

From all of us at the
**VERNON E. GOOD
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may you and your loved ones rejoice in the splendour of all his creations during this beautiful and wondrous season.


we thank you kindly for your valued business.

PEACE ON EARTH

From:
Gord, Andy, Noeline, Dennise, Penny, Cari-Ann, Dee and Tina



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**Christmas
Greetings**

It is our hope that the joy of Christmas remains with you throughout the year and that God will guide your family to a prosperous, healthy and happy New Year.

From my family to yours, we would like to extend to all constituents of Wild Rose the warmest of wishes this Holiday Season.

Myron and Dot Thompson

*Authorized by official agent



Blessings of the Season from
KNOX UNITED CHURCH
1406 19 Ave • 335-8373

**December 24
Christmas Eve Worship**

7:00 pm - Celebration with Carols & Stories

9:00 pm - Candlelight and Communion

PLEASE JOIN US!

NEIGHBORHOOD



calgary health region Surviving the Holidays

How to trim the fat, cut the carbs and still enjoy yourself this holiday season.

Holidays, a time for celebrating, a time with family and friends, and, of course, a time for feasts, treats and delights. Holidays feed the calendar year.

They give us reason to plan gatherings of loved ones, share gifts of affection, and indulge in sweet temptations and familiar feasts.

But did you know that the average person can gain approximately five pounds over the Christmas holiday season? It takes 17,500 extra calories to gain 5 lbs - that's 80 regular-sized milk chocolate bars worth of calories!

The good news is that with a few helpful tips and key strategies, you can be equipped with the tools you need to enjoy the holidays.

Start with these simple strategies to help develop your own plan of attack.

Plan ahead for social gatherings: By equipping yourself with a plan, you will feel more confident and in control to make healthier choices and keep things balanced.

Just remember to allow for surprises—Santa's not the only one who can surprise you, so can Aunt Martha's new triple overboard chocolate fudge Christmas cookies.

Avoid arriving on an empty stomach: Nourish your body with a nutritious meal or snack before attending an event. It will help ensure adequate nutrition, power you with energy, and prevent overeating at the party.

Distance yourself from the buffet table: Avoid socializing around the buffet table; get in and get out. Spend the greater part of your time socializing with friends and focus on the company and conversation, rather than the food.

Choose small food portions and a smaller plate: Limit yourself to your favorites in smaller portions and savour each morsel. Try to avoid talking and eating at the same time.

Limit alcohol and sugary beverages. Keep to one or two drinks of alcohol or punch and then switch to sparkling water or diet pop.

Keep physical: Stay "on your toes". Stand when socializing or walk around and mingle.

Trim the fat and cut the carbs: It's been calculated that the average person can consume up to 6,000 calories on Christmas Day. Try these tips for craving calories from your traditional feast:

- Serve raw vegetables with low fat dip for an appetizer.

- Buy or make "light" eggnog with lower fat milk.

- Add less butter or margarine to potatoes, dressing and vegetables.

- Use a "fat separator" to skim fat off of meat or poultry drippings for low fat gravy.

- Enjoy pie or dessert without whipping cream.

- Serve lower carbohydrate vegetables such as green beans, broccoli, cauliflower or brussels sprouts

instead of corn, sweet potatoes or peas.

- Don't put bread or buns on the table.

- Choose either potatoes or dressing.

- Drink sparkling water or dry wine.

- Treat yourself to candies or chocolates on a day when you're not having a big meal.

Christmas Tree Chip-off

The Lions will hold their annual Christmas Tree Chip-off Jan. 14 starting at 10 a.m. at the bus barns on 19th St.

The cost is a non-perishable food donation to the Mountain View Food Bank.

I would like to thank my customers for making 2005 a very successful year.

Thanks again to all my Vendors and Purchasers. Looking forward to serving you in the New Year. You can count on my

"Best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year."

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Come All Ye Faithful

We'd like to join you and your family in giving thanks for the miracle of Christmas, and wish you all a joyous and meaningful holiday season.

Don, Myung & Staff

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All over the world
Let kindness come with every gift
And good desires with every greeting
Teach us to refrain from evil
And pursue life with trust and honesty
On Christmas Day
Allow us to be with friends and family
On Christmas evening
Bring us to our beds
With grateful thoughts
Forgiving and forgiven.

**Merry
Christmas
and
Happy
New Year!**

from Richard E. Jan Marz

Richard Marz, MLA
Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills



NOEL



May the peace of our
Saviour abide in every
heart this holy Season.

We would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas
and God's Blessing in the New Year.

Elmeda Hartmann

Thank You To All Our Customers
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Joy To The World

True happiness comes with
honoring the
Truth of Christmas
-Jesus Christ

Merry Christmas from
Tru Square Homes Ltd.
335-8219



NEIGHBORHOOD

Alberta Centennial Tips for a fire-safe holiday

Candles

- Never leave candles unattended.
- Do not buy or use novelty candles that pose a potential fire hazard. Candles surrounded by flammable paint, paper, dried flowers or a breakable container are not safe.
- Cut the candlewick short to prevent a high flame. Put the candle out if the flame becomes **unusually** large.
- Snuff candles out before going to sleep and when festivities are over.
- Never use lit candles to decorate a Christmas tree.
- Keep lit candles away from decorations, curtains, clothing and spray from aerosol cans.
- Never leave children or pets alone in a room with lit candles.
- Never let candles burn down to the bottom.

Christmas Trees

- Ensure your artificial tree is "fire resistant."
- Ensure your live tree is fresh and moist at all times. Cut the stalk at an angle and keep the tree well watered. Falling needles indicate a dry, highly flammable tree.
- Set up live and artificial trees away from fireplaces, heaters and other heat sources and ensure the tree is not blocking an exit.
- Lighting
 - Indoors or outdoors, use only lights that have been tested and labeled by a recognized testing agency such as the ULC or CSA.
 - Inspect holiday lights yearly for broken or cracked sockets, frayed or bare wires, or loose connections and throw out damaged sets.
 - If using extension cords, make sure

they are rated for the intended use and in good condition

- Do not overload electrical circuits or extension cords.

• Never place furniture or other objects, such as rugs, over electrical cords. If electrical cords are covered any damage they sustain can go unnoticed.

Holiday Entertaining

- Never leave your cooking unattended. Unattended cooking is the leading cause of home fires.
- Provide smokers with large, deep ashtrays and check the ashtrays frequently. Douse butts completely in water before discarding.
- Keep matches and lighters up high and out of the sight and reach of children.
- Test your smoke alarms and explain your fire escape plan to your guests.
- Do not smoke in bed.

With appreciation at Christmastime

Christmas is a time for giving, and we'd like to give our thanks to all of you who have given so much this past year.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!



Dave & Nettie
Neustaeter
& Staff

**Country Nook
Restaurant**
at the
Didsbury Motel
335-3159

*"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace,
good will toward men."*

-Luke 2:14

*May Christmas Joy fill your
hearts and home this holiday
season.*

*Your friends at
DIDSBURY DRUGS*



Warmest Wishes!

Jean, Paula, Corey and Staff

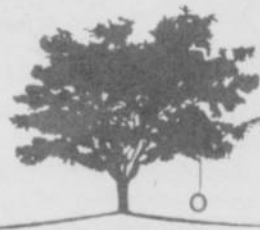
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Dec. 24, 6 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Dec. 25, Closed
Dec. 26, 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.

*We thank you for your
patronage and look forward
to serving you during
the coming year*

Come Home For The Holidays



with

DREAMWOOD HOMES

We are excited to launch our new logo and name, **Dreamwood Homes Ltd.**

When Wayne and Vickie Poffenroth first envisioned CLT it was a company that would grow into many different areas. A look at the CLT logo showed the names Developments, Contracting and Homes, all as part of the original plan. CLT Contracting Ltd., the original company which many of our trades, suppliers and customers dealt with primarily built homes, but soon ventured into land developing also.

Last year the decision was made to separate the land development and homes building areas. With new partners, Ron Poffenroth, Byron Lappala, Lyle Plett, Doug Sytsma, and Gord Kerr coming on board with Wayne and Vickie, CLT Homes Inc. was launched. The goal at the time was to build on a name, CLT, that through hard work and dedication to customer, had become known in our community as a leader in the industry.

It has been a great first year.

So, why the change?

With new markets on the horizon we felt it was time to let each company build and grow on its own, building individual identities.

With the same partners, the same commitment to customer, and the same faith that God will lead us, only the name has changed.

We look forward to continued relationships, and **"Bringing Dreams to Reality"**

So, welcome to **Dreamwood Homes Ltd.**, and from all the management, staff, and their families, Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, and may God Bless.

NEIGHBORHOOD



Food for thought

Didsbury High School students donated a mountain of food and \$332.20 to the Mountain View Food Bank last week, in a competition of the grades. The grade 11s won, raising the most food. Left: Bittany Robertson, School Council president and Lisa Misener, vice president presented the food and money to Bill Jepps from the Food Bank.

photo by Tamara Collins

Season's Greetings

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Marion, Trisha,
Sarah & Byron*

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The First Noel

May you and your loved ones enjoy a season of hope and enlightenment, and may we all join together in praying for peace on earth this Christmas.

Tanas Concrete Industries Ltd.

Management & Staff



May traditions, old and new bring happiness to your holiday celebrations. Merry Christmas and the best in the New Year from Didsbury Elks Lodge # 514

LIGHT UP SAFELY FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Have a Safe & Happy Holiday Season
From the Didsbury & District Fire Authority




SEASON'S GREETINGS

To all our customers & friends.
We thank you for your continued patronage over the past years
and look forward to serving you in the New Year.
Christmas hours for your shopping convenience:
9:00am to 6:00pm
Except: Dec 24 9:00am - 5:00pm & Dec. 31 9:00am - 4:00pm

WARD VALUE DRUG MART

Bill & Margo Ward & Staff

